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Petition tries to raise Ohio minimum wage

By Addie Curis
REPORTER

Working a full day for \$5.15 barely fills up a gas tank nowadays.

With gas prices ranging from \$2.89 in Bowling Green to Toledo's \$3.08, Ohio's current average price is \$2.96 according to the AAA Web site. Therefore, the majority of a minimum wage worker's paycheck goes toward gas.

Working for minimum wage isn't a long-term plan for sophomore Lauren Schumacher, who

has been working for minimum wage for the last seven months at the Office of Registration and Records.

"Working for minimum wage works for me now, but I couldn't imagine working for minimum wage over a long period of time," she said. "An increase would not only help with my student expenses, but help the people who are just now getting jobs."

Currently, the proposal of raising minimum wage in Ohio is

"This is trying to help bring people above where they are ..."

IAN JAMES, PETITION ORGANIZER

known as an initiative petition and is being circulated through each county in the state for signatures. The petition could get a minimum wage raise onto the November ballot, leaving Ohio voters to make the decision about whether to raise the wage.

The petitioning started because Ohio residents are seeking a living wage, petition coordinator Ian James said.

"This is trying to help bring people above where they are and help them live a better life in which they can afford food and

clothing," James said.

He added that it is hard to live a decent life from a minimum wage job.

Ohio's minimum wage jumped from \$4.25 to the federal rate of \$5.15 on June 30. Some Ohioans are looking to raise that again to \$6.85, after seeing that Michigan's minimum wage will increase to \$6.95 in October, which was Michigan's first minimum wage increase in nine years.

According to James, the pro-

posed amendment would mandate increasing the state minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.85, with adjustments annually thereafter.

Democratic petitioners have been walking through downtown Bowling Green in hopes of getting enough signatures to influence this proposal.

However, they would not comment on their progress or the

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Terrorists target India trains and commuters

By Ramola Talwar Badam
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOMBAY, India — Eight bombs exploded in first-class compartments of packed Bombay commuter trains yesterday, killing 147 people and wounding hundreds in a well-coordinated terror attack on the heart of a city that embodies India's global ambitions.

Suspicion quickly fell on Kashmiri militants who have repeatedly carried out nearly simultaneous explosions in attacks on Indian cities, including bombings last year at three markets in New Delhi.

Pakistan, India's rival over the disputed territory of Kashmir, quickly condemned yesterday's bombings. Even so, India alleges that Pakistan supports the Muslim militants, and analysts said a Kashmiri link to the blasts could slow — or perhaps even derail — a peace process that has gained momentum between the nuclear rivals over the past several years.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said "terrorists" were behind the attacks, which he called "shocking and cowardly attempts to spread a feeling of fear and terror among our citizens."

Security was tightened in cities around the world from New Delhi to New York after the eight blasts, which struck seven trains within minutes of each other during the early evening rush hour. The bombings appeared timed to inflict maximum carnage in this bustling Arabian Sea port of 16 million, more than 6 million of whom ride the crowded rail network daily.

Emergency crews struggled to treat survivors and recover the dead in the wreckage during monsoon downpours, and the effort stretched into the night. Survivors clutched bandages to their heads and faces, and some frantically tried to use their cell phones. Luggage and debris were scattered with blood.

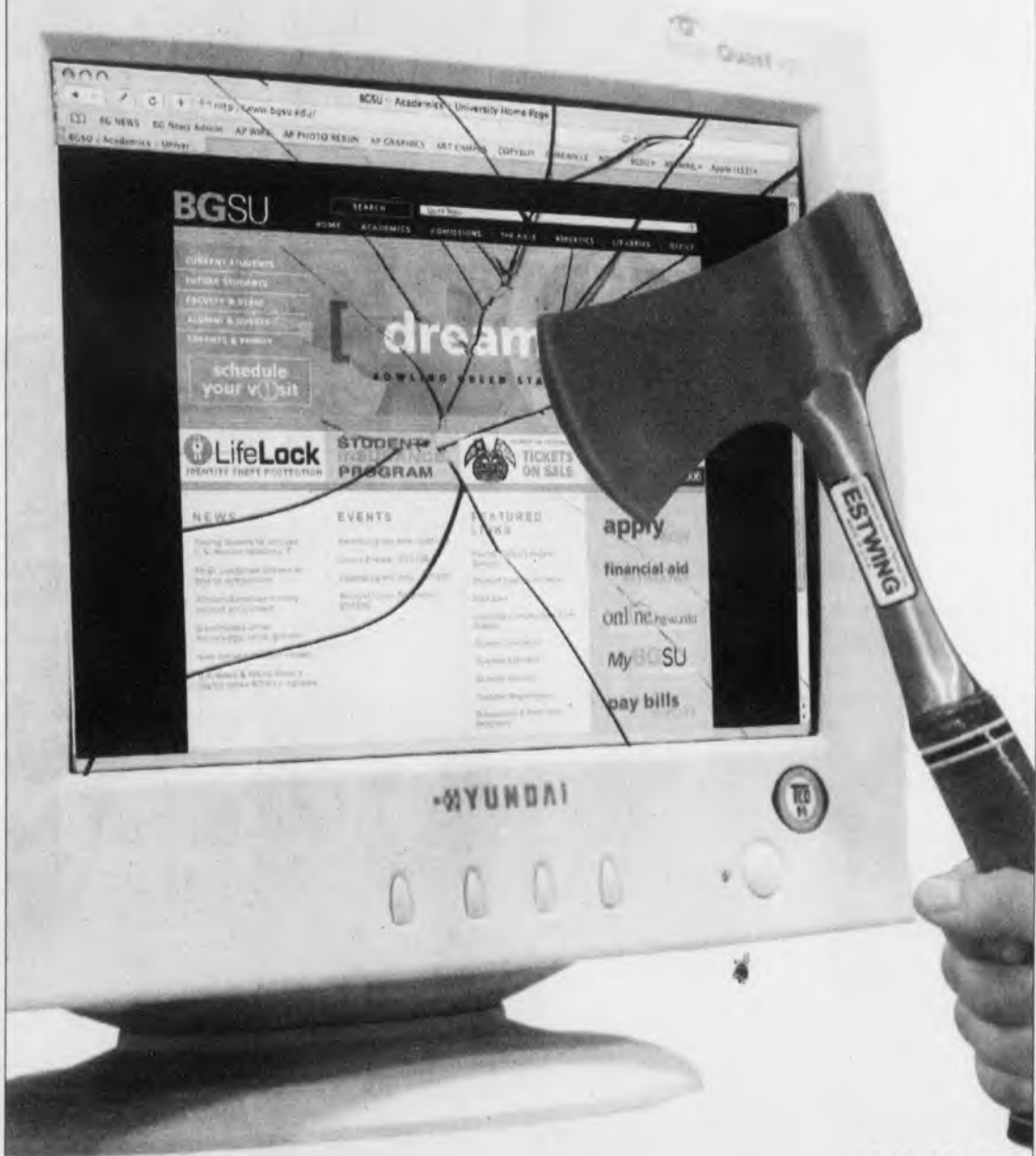
The mobile phone network collapsed, adding to the sense of panic across the city. With train services down until midnight, thousands of people were stranded without any way of reaching their families.

There was no immediate indication if suicide bombers were involved. Police inspector Ramesh Sawant said most of the victims suffered head and chest injuries, leading authorities to believe the bombs were placed in overhead luggage racks.

The Press Trust of India, citing railway officials, said all the

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Hacking Campus



Illustrated By Drake Miller

University takes preventative measures to protect against data theft

By Jessica Zamarripa
REPORTER

Network and virus protection; firewalls; passwords; and secure IDs are just a few of the things the University has put into place to protect data that may have sensitive information. This should be good news for students and faculty alike with recent computer hacking and information theft at Ohio University.

Five reports of data theft from Ohio University school com-

puters has put the private data of more than 173,000 people at risk of being stolen since March 2005, according to the Associated Press.

Two alumni have brought a lawsuit against OU because of these thefts. The lawsuit is seeking credit monitoring services and compensation for those affected by the thefts.

Bowling Green State University has taken a very strong approach in the protection of its own information

for the past six or seven years, according to Toby Singer, executive director of Information Technology Services.

"We have been proactive in protecting information instead of reacting," he said.

However, trying to stay ahead of threats does not make the information — like Social Security numbers, addresses and phone numbers — invincible even to minor threats.

Since February, the University has suffered only from minor

threats like viruses and worms, and even before this year the University has had no major threats or attacks, Singer said.

Access control lists and full disk encryption could be put into place to protect sensitive information. Access control lists would provide access to information based on one's role within the University structure, according to Matt Haschak, an information security analyst.

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Debate over individual rights, Ohio's security act

By Jane King
REPORTER

It is now a crime for individuals to refuse to disclose their personal information to a police officer if the officer suspects that the person is committing a crime, has committed a crime or has witnessed criminal activity. This is a result from the passage of Senate Bill 9, also known as Ohio's version of the Homeland Security Act, which went into effect April 14, 2006.

The specific personal information referred to in the bill includes name, address and birth date.

The penalty for refusing to follow the new law is a fourth-degree misdemeanor, which results in a maximum of 30 days in jail or up to \$250 in fines.

Lt. Brad Biller of the City Police Department, said S.B.9 is related to the prevention of terrorism.

"It's my understanding that that's the focus of what the law's about," he said. "If there's a set of circumstances that suggest that a person may be involved in terrorist activity, then I think it's a matter of security of the nation that it's reasonable for us to be able to find out who those people are."

However, some students said it takes away their individual rights.

"The law takes away rights instilled within Miranda. When a person is being accused of participating within criminal activity, Miranda gives that person an opportunity to seek legal counsel and advice prior to answering any questions, including the basic demographics of a person," said Ashleigh Nye, University senior and political science major.

However, according to Biller, S.B.9 is not at all related to our Miranda rights as Miranda rights are specific for suspects already in custody.

"The law that we're talking about has given some authority to law enforcement to be able to demand of people their identity," he said.

Law enforcement officials must have reasonable suspicion or probable cause to inquire about an individual's identity.

However, with probable cause, officers have more reason to request an individual's information as well as the right to arrest the individual for a specific criminal offense.

"This [S.B.9] has given us the opportunity that if we have reasonable suspicion that someone is committing an offense, it gives us some more leverage in demanding of them their identity without having to put together all that probable cause," Biller said.

Assistant Dean of Students, Michael Ginsburg, also has some concerns about the new law, too.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

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Low: 67°

FRIDAY



Isolated T-Storms
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Low: 67°

SATURDAY



Scattered T-Storms
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Low: 69°

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Senate Bill 9 to heat discussion among voters

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"I don't think many students are aware about this new law and my concern is how broad it reads in terms of an officer suspecting that criminal activity just occurred or is about to occur," he said. "Although I trust officers, how do they know?"

The University's Chief of Police, Jim Wiegand, said that some things in the law are going to be difficult to work with.

"If someone is standing outside a bank with a bulge in their waste band and a ski mask, then chances are they're going to rob the bank," he said.

Another concern some have about the bill is the punishment for refusing to give their personal identity.

Nye thinks the punishment of a fourth-degree misdemeanor is too extreme.

"The idea that law enforcement officers can approach a person and ask for their identity when that person has not even committed a crime can lead to arbitrariness and negligence," she said. "Giving officers a chance to pre-determine a person's actions is unfair, creating injustice in the community."

But the intentions of the new law are not to infringe on the individual's right to privacy, but rather to give officers a way to obtain information that could potentially help lead to the conclusion of specific cases, according to Biller.

"I've asked an awful lot of people an awful lot of questions over the course of my career and have obtained lots of personal information as it relates to identity and the majority of that never got used for anything," he said.

But without having gotten it when police asked for it, it causes them to spend a lot of extra time trying to obtain that necessary information.

Biller said the passing of S.B.9 will be a significant benefit to the community as law enforcement officials will cut back on spending time obtaining information that can help benefit the whole.

"I see how people think that [S.B.9] would be an intrusion, but in the big scheme of things, people's personal information is more available to those in marketing concerns for companies that it is for law enforcement," he said. "If you're willing to let marketing people have your information and you don't have something to hide, then I can't imagine why you would be reluctant to give it to law enforcement."

While there have not yet been any incidents where the new law has been imposed, students need to be aware of it. With it recently in effect, the representatives at the Office of Student Life's main goal is to be proactive and get the word out to students, according to Ginsburg.

Livable wage demonstrators march Columbus

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amount of signatures received. The petitions will continue through the end of July.

According to James, Ohio already has over minimum of 323,000 names on the list. The petition lists 400,000 signatures and organizers think Ohio is well on schedule for the Aug. 9 petition deadline.

"Now that we have met the requirement, we are working on a buffer to ensure our chances at election," James said.

Sponsoring the initiative petition are the AFL-CIO, C.J. Prentiss out of Cleveland and ACORN Ohio, which is a community service organization representing low income workers. These organizations held rallies in Cincinnati and Columbus over the weekend.

Director of Government Relations for the AFL-CIO Tim Burga said John Edwards wanted to return to Ohio to help with the raising of minimum wage.

"We hosted a rally with Edwards to enhance publicity and to get folks revved up in the last 30 days of the petition," Burga said.

According to James, tens of thousands of the signatures are being ruled invalid because they were illegible, they listed the wrong address or the signer was not a registered voter.

He said they will not know until after the filing process how

many were ruled valid.

"Our plan is to keep getting signatures," he said. "Over the next four weeks there will be a lot more opportunity to get names between all the parades and fairs going on."

Signatures from each county in Ohio will be gathered at the end of the month for the Aug. 9 deadline. They will then be filed with the secretary of state, who will make the decision of whether the appropriate number of signatures was met.

The Boards of Elections will help decide how many valid signatures there are and will then be sent back to the secretary's office announcing whether the state has met the requirement of 5 percent from 44 counties.

With the help of the Ballot Board, the Secretary of State will then provide the ballot with a number, working on a first come, first serve basis.

If all goes well with the minimum wage proposal, it will share the ballot with a smoking ban and the Ohio Learn and Earn scholarship proposal in November.

According to James, many people's lives could change if this proposal gets approved. Full-time workers earning minimum wage could initially make an extra \$3,700 a year with this increase.

"The signature drive is going extraordinarily well, and when it comes to the November ballot,



Kichiro Sato AP Photo

3000 GATHER TO PROTEST: Marchers carry signs in Columbus, Ohio, on July 10, 2006, during a rally for a higher minimum wage.

there will be a lot more discussion about it," he said.

With any government action, there comes contradiction.

Opponents are concerned that increasing the wage could in fact cost people their jobs. Some small business owners said the wage increase would force them to fire employees.

Manager of Campus Polyes Jackie Panning is concerned about the possible increase in minimum wage.

"Our prices will have to go up in order to compensate for the raise in minimum wage," Panning said. "This not only hurts us as a home grown shop, but hurts the customers because they will have to pay more."

Wal-Mart has also backed out on their support for raising the federal minimum wage. They have chosen a neutral stance in the matter, one where they are not lobbying against the matter, but not fully supporting it either.

However, James believes the people and businesses that are against the proposal do not understand the gravity of it.

"It's incredibly difficult to live a good life making \$10,000 a year and raising two children," James said.

According to Burga, there has been no public vocalization of disapproving with this petition. However, he is sure that if it is on the ballot in the fall, there will be plenty of opposition.

There is also a bill in circulation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over the next two years.

Several other states have already addressed the issue of

EACH STATE'S MINIMUM WAGE RATE

With efforts to increase the federal minimum wage, many of the 50 states are looking to raise their own rates. Here's a look at where all the states stand as of right now. You'll notice that the rates range from as low as \$2.65 in Kansas to as high as \$7.63 in Washington.

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Alabama:	None	Montana:	\$5.15
Alaska:	\$7.15	Nebraska:	\$5.15
Arizona:	None	Nevada:	\$5.15
Arkansas:	\$5.15	New Hampshire:	\$5.15
California:	\$6.75	New Jersey:	\$6.15
Colorado:	\$5.15	New Mexico:	\$5.15
Connecticut:	\$7.40	New York:	\$6.75
Delaware:	\$6.15	North Carolina:	\$5.15
D.C.:	\$7.00	North Dakota:	\$5.15
Florida:	\$6.40	Ohio:	\$5.15
Georgia:	\$5.15	Oklahoma:	\$5.15
Hawaii:	\$6.75	Oregon:	\$7.50
Idaho:	\$5.15	Pennsylvania:	\$5.15
Illinois:	\$6.50	Rhode Island:	\$7.10
Indiana:	\$5.15	South Carolina:	None
Iowa:	\$5.15	South Dakota:	\$5.15
Kansas:	\$2.65	Tennessee:	None
Kentucky:	\$5.15	Texas:	\$5.15
Louisiana:	None	Utah:	\$5.15
Maine:	\$6.50	Vermont:	\$7.25
Maryland:	\$6.15	Virginia:	\$5.15
Massachusetts:	\$6.75	Washington:	\$7.63
Michigan:	\$5.15	West Virginia:	\$5.15
Minnesota:	\$6.15	Wisconsin:	\$5.70
Mississippi:	None	Wyoming:	\$5.15
Missouri:	\$5.15		

Source: AFL-CIO

raising minimum wage on their own. Uniquely Washington and Oregon's rates are indexed to inflation and are being adjusted every Jan. 1.

States' minimum wage rates range from Kansas at \$2.65 to Washington's employees receiving \$7.63.

While 85 percent of businesses in Kansas pay the federal rate of \$5.15, it still has the lowest state minimum wage on record.

Sen. Edward Kennedy and Rep. George Miller are sponsoring the Fair Minimum Wage Act.

Spokesman Tom Kiley for Miller said Republican leaders rejected the bill from going through the House.


"We aren't quite sure what will happen next, but Democrats would like to see the bill make it to the House," Kiley said.

Editor's Note: The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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ATTENDING A PROTEST: Sen. Hillary Clinton, right, D-N.Y., right, hugs Maria Polanco, of New York, July 10, 2006, at OSU.



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Snake escaped, but hasn't been found

By Matt Entrup
REPORTER

This June a boa constrictor was seen behind the Arbors of Bowling Green housing complex but it has been over a month since the last sighting.

According to the police report the snake is eight feet long and four inches in diameter.

Animal Control searched the premises on at least four occasions but they were unable to locate the snake.

Residents said they have not seen any sign of the snake and

many of them wouldn't have ever known of its presence had they not gotten notification from management warning them to keep an eye on small children and pets.

Animal Control Officer Tom Sieving said if the snake were still in the area it would have been seen sunning itself.

"That apartment complex is an active area and someone would have reported it to us by now," he said. "My guess of what happened is that the snake escaped from owners ... who

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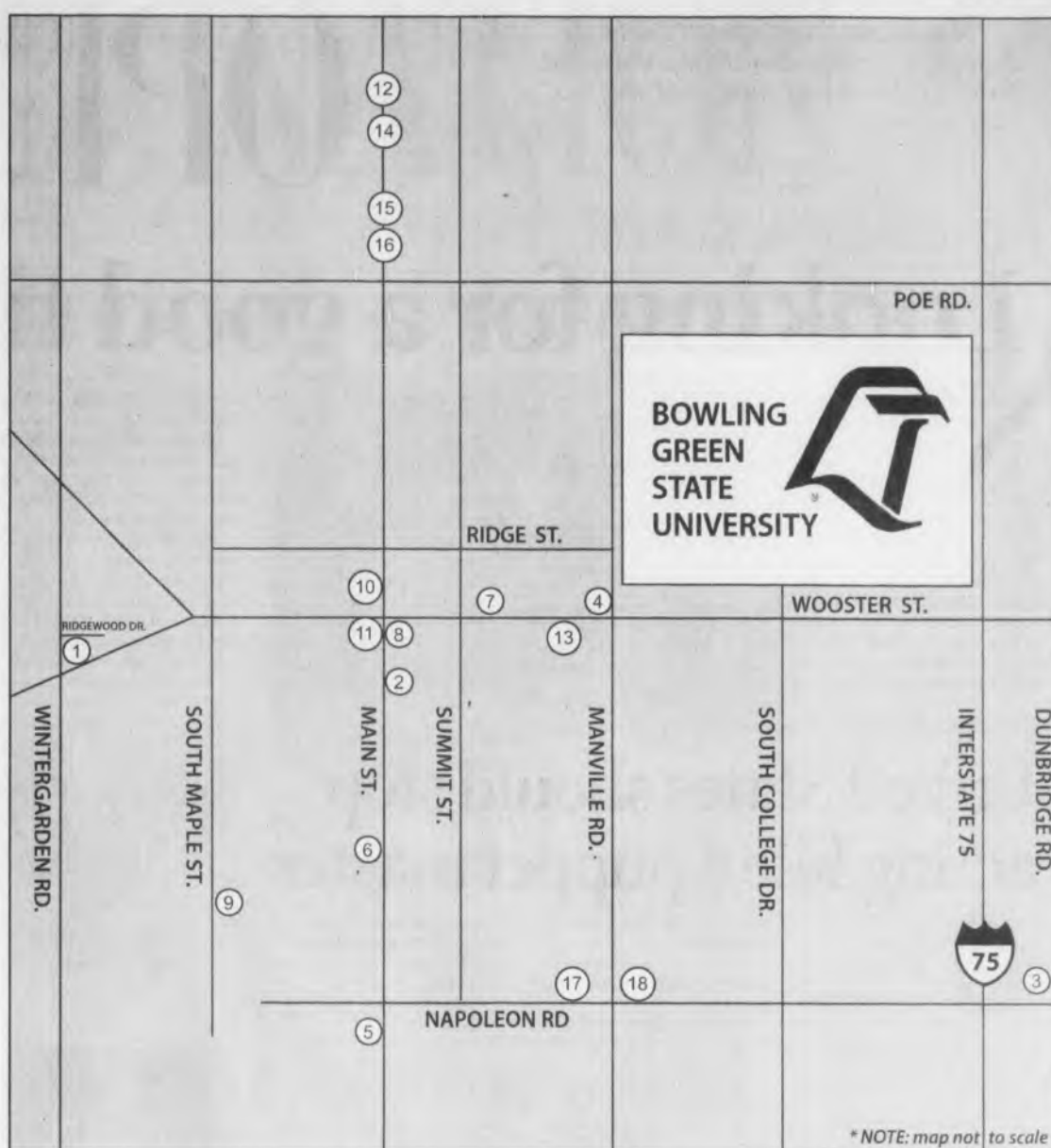
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Looking for a good time in BG

Moving to a new town can be both exciting and overwhelming. Even small town Bowling Green can be intimidating to young freshmen and being unaware of all the city's attractions only further hinders the settling in process.

For the past month, The BG News has been running our "Places" series in the Pulse section. The purpose of the categories, which included Places to Play, Places to Study, Places to Eat and Hidden Places, is to not only encourage future students

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the places in Bowling Green are suitable for college students? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

to experience everything that Bowling Green has to offer, but also to promote local businesses and keep the University connected to the community.

Some might say that Bowling Green is nothing more than a corn-feeding, cow-tipping, tractor-pulling and boring town. But the truth is that many people don't take the time to discover the best kept secrets that are not visible at first glance.

Some BG News staffers have recently discovered their own favorite places in town.

Jared Martenies, Flash Editor, only discovered the pleasures of the quarry during his "first senior year" at Bowling Green. The quarry

is a sandy beach, located on South Dixie Highway, just past Route 6.

"It is like Spring Break all the time in Bowling Green," Martenies said. "It's a good place to get away from the town and throw back a couple with your buddies."

In addition, the Slippery Elm bike trail remained a secret to Managing Editor Kara Ohngren until her Senior year. Now she frequents the path, located off of Sand Ridge, at least once a week.

"It's such a great, secluded place to run, Rollerblade and bike dur-

ing the warmer months," she said. "I just wish I would have known about the trail earlier in my career here at BG."

An event that stayed hidden from Opinion Editor Emily Rippe until her Junior year is Uptown's 80s Night. She was aware that the club hosted themed dance nights, but did not know that what she perceived as good music was actually played on Monday nights.

"I'm not a big club fan because of the strangers who like to bump and grind, but 80s Night is differ-

ent," Rippe said. "80s Night draws the type of crowd I like to hang out with, plays the music I listen to, offers free pool tables and sells really cheap drinks."

It may have taken several of the staff members a while to realize these places existed, we hope that this series will help our readers realize there's more to Bowling Green than what meets the eye.

Before you complain, take the time to explore your surroundings because you never know what you might find.

United States should stop acting like a puppet master



ERIN WETHERN

Opinion Columnist

The United States has a long history of blood on our hands.

Our foreign policy record is abysmal.

We mess around in other countries' business, which has caused millions of innocent deaths over the decades, all for the purpose of our own advancement.

In the early 1960s, the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo held their first ever election and elected Patrice Lumumba to the office of Prime Minister.

The U.S. didn't like the people's choice, so they sponsored a violent, bloody takeover and installed Joseph Mobutu as leader.

Mobutu harshly lead his country along a path of illness and poverty.

The Congo episode is just one example of a long history of entangling ourselves in the running of other countries.

We sponsor wars, train vigilantes and then get mad when they turn against us.

We remove leaders of sovereign nations when they disagree with our policies.

One famous example is from the 1960s. The CIA repeatedly

hatched plans to assassinate Fidel Castro.

In other words, we sponsored terrorism in another country.

I think the United States needs to make a triumphant return to isolationism.

It is not our job to police the rest of the world, and in all honesty, the rest of the world doesn't appreciate it that much, if at all.

In fact, most countries are quite resentful of our big brother mentality.

During the recent World Cup tournament, I sat at work watching the game where the U.S. was eliminated.

While I was disappointed that our team didn't make it further (maybe I had a bit of a crush on that sexy forward McBride), my friend and I joked about how the rest of the world loved being able to beat us in something.

While they may not be able to create defense programs without us breathing down their necks, they can kick our snooty American butts on the soccer field.

I cannot say that I blame the rest of the world for being resentful of America's foreign policy blunders.

We treat smaller countries as if they are our puppets, and we are the fickle puppet master.

How would we react if some-

one assassinated our democratically elected president, only to install a tyrant in his or her place?

I know that that would not sit well with me.

This is not to say that there should not be a sort of police force to protect developing countries from tribal wars and leaders who seem to be on the verge of insanity.

But it should be the job of the United Nations, not the United States.

When the UN takes the role of big brother, it ensures that the best interests of each individual country are met.

When the U.S. pushes other countries around, it does nothing more than ensure that the needs of the U.S. are met, usually at the expense of whom-ever we are trying to help.

In short, we need to fix the problems we caused and get out of Iraq.

We need to get out of the Balkans, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Western Europe.

We need to get out of Japan and the rest of Asia.

We must stop our practice of nation building.

The United States of America needs to get out of everywhere and worry about our problems at home.

Send comments to Erin at erinlwethern@gmail.com.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

How do you pronounce this street name: Clough?

ANDY JONES
GRAD STUDENT,
AMERICAN CULTURE

"It's like the word cough, only with an l."

CARRIE BLACKWELL
GRAD STUDENT,
COMMUNICATIONS

"I used to live on that street and I always called it 'Cluff'."

DREW MILLER
SENIOR, BUSINESS

"I once had to call BG City Records to settle a bet between 'Cluff' and 'Clo'. It's actually 'Cluff'."

JEN FAGOYINBO
ALUMNA

"It's 'Clo' because of the ough, just like though."

Try to respect the English language



JEFF LOMBARDI

Opinion Columnist

Are you one of those people that have always had trouble finding the right way to spell certain words? Well you may be in luck.

There is a movement that exists in the United States that wants to make spelling easier for all of us.

Alan Mole, the president of the American Literacy Council, favors an end to "illogical spelling." He wants to spell words like through, logic and celebrate to thru, lojic and selebraet.

But is this moor konfuuzing than helpful? I theeek so.

It is true that throughout the history of the English Language, colloquial changes have been made that make spelling easier. A lot of this translates "British" spelling into "American" spelling. Words such as shoppe, colour and honour have been shortened to shop, color and honor. However, these have all been small changes that have taken years to become acceptable. Therefore, it is nearly impossible for this end to "illogical spelling" to take place.

Personally, I fear that more radical and popular changes will take place that will make Americans look and sound like idiots.

Rather than fearing a major reform to have words spelled out the way they sound, like Alan More is suggesting, I fear that language used in the technological sense will take over the English language.

What I am speaking about originated around the time email and instant messaging were created. It involves using the letter "u" for the word "you" and the number 4 for the word "for." Here is a sample sentence: R U going 2 meet me @ the mall 2day?

It makes my blood curdle. Unfortunately, this way of spelling has permeated the internet and has made its way into formal speech and writing.

For example, during my student teaching experience, I came across a formal paper — typed, double-spaced and so on, that used "u" for the word "you." First of all, using second person in a paper is not acceptable; secondly, and more importantly, that's not how you spell "you."

It is my great displeasure to

predict that this spelling will become accepted in the future. It is also my great displeasure to announce that leet, or l33t, will become an official foreign language and teachers in the future will have become certified to teach it.

I predict that "u" will become acceptable, and will the elimination of the "gh" combination and the "ph" combination.

As both a future teacher and a Scrabble enthusiast, this scares pantaloons off of me.

As a result, I am making a call to arms. I am going to be proactive in terms of preventing an all-out war on the English language. Here is what I am going to ask of you:

During your instant messaging conversations, please spell out the words you use. Do not substitute 4 for "for," 2 for "to" or "too," or h8 for "hate." It is okay if you spell words incorrectly, as there is no spell check for instant messengers. Also, there is no way to avoid expressions like "lol," as emotions are pretty much impossible to emote when you cannot see or hear the other person.

Secondly, when writing emails, please use proper punctuation and capitalization. I am not asking for a formal friendly letter each time you email, just some proper courtesy. Not using any proper punctuation, capitalization or spelling in an email shows that you do not respect the person to whom you are emailing.

Lastly, and this is a radical one, try to spell out words when you text message someone. I say this is radical because I have used text messaging in the past and it is a pain in the neck to even understand how many times to push the number 3 to get an "e," let alone have the patience to spell out complete words. If you cannot do this, then I suggest that you stop text messaging altogether and call the person you want to talk to. And if you can't do that, put your cell phone away and pay attention in class!

I am not asking for a lot here, people. All I am asking is that you respect the English language. It has served us pretty well over the past few centuries, and it still has to last us for centuries beyond.

So if you can't do that, then I suggest that you stop using language altogether, because I don't want to talk to you.

Send comments to Jeff at jlombard@bgn.net.



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MINIMAL DAMAGE TO DISCOVERY REPORTED

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The pilot of the space shuttle Discovery said yesterday the astronauts believe shuttle flights today are a little less risky and they're confident in their safe return on Monday. The shuttle's clean bill of health after in-space inspections showed virtually no damage from the falling foam.

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NATION

Historical building explodes, injuring 15

Explosion may have been caused by the recently evicted man

By Adam Goldman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Authorities were investigating whether a doctor who survived the explosion of a four-story home on Manhattan's Upper East Side might have caused the blast rather than sell the multimillion-dollar building as part of a divorce judgment in his ex-wife's favor.

A police official with direct knowledge of the case told The Associated Press that Dr. Nicholas Bartha, 66, had recently contemplated suicide in a rambling e-mail to his ex-wife:

"When you read this ... your life will change forever. You deserve it. You will be transformed from gold digger to ash and rubbish digger. You always wanted me to sell the house. I always told you I will leave the house only if I am dead."

The official spoke on condition

of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The morning explosion hurled fireballs high into the sky and covered the upscale block with bricks, broken glass and splintered wood. Authorities said at least 15 people were injured, including five civilians and 10 firefighters.

The doctor was pulled from the wreckage after yelling up to rescuers, fire officials said. Bartha and one passer-by suffered severe injuries; the remaining injuries were minor.

Heavy black smoke rose high above the landmark, 19th-century building on 62nd Street between Park and Madison avenues, a few blocks from Central Park. Before and during World War II, it was used as a secret meeting place by a group of prominent New Yorkers who informally gathered intelligence for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Fire Chief Nicholas Scoppetta said authorities were looking into the possibility that the blast was the result of a suicide attempt, call-

ing it "a distinct possibility."

Bartha had recently lost a \$4 million judgment in the divorce case and the building was to be sold at auction in October to pay the judgment. The building was worth nearly \$5 million based on a 2004 assessment and as much as \$6.4 million in today's market.

Bartha was served eviction papers on Friday, said Dr. Paul Mantia, who also worked in the building.

According to a 2005 appellate court opinion, the doctor had "intentionally traumatized" his Jewish wife, who was born in Nazi-occupied Holland, by posting "swastika-adorned articles and notes" around their home. The opinion also said Bartha had "ignored her need for support and assistance while she was undergoing surgery and treatment for breast cancer."

Cordula Bartha was granted the divorce "on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment," according to the opinion, which also says her husband "systematically cut



Sean Wenig AP Photo

SEARCHING THROUGH THE DEBRIS: Clean-up continues at the site of a fire and building collapse yesterday, in New York.

off her access to marital funds and credit as a means of psychological abuse."

In a petition filed this year by Cordula Bartha, she hinted at looming troubles and asked that deputies remove Nicholas Bartha from the residence. "I have no doubt that [Nicholas Bartha] will

ensconce himself in the marital residence and refuse to leave it after the auction is held. He has said many times that he intends to 'die in my house.'"

Cordula Bartha had moved out and was living with the couple's two adult daughters elsewhere in the city.

President steps up, announces deficit totals

By Andrew Taylor
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush touted new deficit figures yesterday showing considerable improvement upon earlier administration predictions, saying it shows the wisdom of his tax cuts.

Bush himself announced the figures, a task that for the most part has been left to lower-ranking administration officials in the past. The new figures show the deficit for the budget year ending Sept. 30 will be \$296 billion, which was much better than the \$423 billion that Bush predicted in February and a slight improvement over 2005.

Bush said the improvement is due to tax cuts he pushed in 2001 and 2003 and his clampdown on domestic agencies funded by Congress.

"These tax cuts left nearly \$1.1 trillion in the hands of American workers and families and small business owners. And they used this money to help fuel an economic resurgence that's now in its 18th quarter," Bush said. "Economic growth fueled by tax relief has sent our tax revenues soaring."

Impressive profits and big income gains by the wealthy are largely responsible for the surge in revenues and, in turn, the deficit drop.

However, the results are less impressive when compared to the \$318 billion deficit posted last fall for fiscal 2005.

U.S. resource for catching terrorists compromised

Access to financial database disclosed to Congress yesterday

By Jeannie Aversa
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Disclosure of a secret program giving the U.S. government access to a massive international data base of financial information was "very dam-

aging" to efforts to catch terrorists, Congress was told yesterday.

"This disclosure compromised one of our most valuable programs and will only make our efforts to track terrorist financing — and to prevent terrorist attacks — harder," Stuart Levey, under-secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence at the Treasury Department, argued before a House Financial Services panel.

The program, started shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, generated lots of leads, Levey said.

But he added that details remain classified.

Levey also said the program played an important role in an investigation that eventually led to the capture of Indonesian Riduan Isamuddin, or Hambali, the operations chief of the al-

Qaida linked Jemaah Islamiya, a Southeast Asian terror group. Hambali allegedly masterminded the deadly 2002 Bali bombings.

Both Republicans and Democrats on the panel, which has oversight over financial matters, expressed concern that they weren't briefed early on about the program.

Rep. Sue Kelly, R-N.Y., chair-

woman of the House panel, asked Congress's investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office, to conduct a probe of the program to make sure it was conducted properly in accordance with the law.

Kelly called her request for a GAO investigation "mere due diligence" to make sure "our trust is not poorly placed in the Treasury Department."

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Award for wrongly accused suspect

COLUMBUS (AP) — The state has approved its largest wrongful imprisonment settlement, awarding \$2.5 million to a man found innocent of a bank robbery and guard's murder after serving 26 years.

The state Controlling Board made its unanimous decision Monday. Timothy Howard, 52, of Columbus, will receive about \$1.4 million to divide with his attorneys, who will get one-third, and nearly \$1.1 million to be paid in monthly installments over 30 years.

Euclid elections blocked by lawsuit

EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice sued the city Monday seeking to block elections until the city restructures its election process to give black candidates a better chance at holding public office.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Cleveland, alleges that majority whites voting as a bloc in an at-large election setup have made it impossible for a black candidate to get elected.

"The Justice Department believes today's lawsuit is necessary to preserve the voting rights of African-American citizens in the city of Euclid," Assistant Attorney General Wan J. Kim, who heads up the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, said in a news release.

Schools take out more insurance

COLUMBUS (AP) — School insurance policies that used to cover the basics — workers' compensation for staff, liability insurance for jungle gym accidents — now also cover catastrophes such as terrorist attacks or school shootings, insurers and school officials say.

Districts noticed events in the news such as school shootings and natural disasters and expanded their policies, said Jeff Junkas of the American Insurance Association.

House Bill could restrict online gambling

By Nancy Zuckerbrod
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Internet gambling is addictive, dangerous and should be outlawed, lawmakers argued yesterday as the House took up a bill to prevent people from using credit cards or other payment forms to settle online wagers.

"The ease of Internet gambling poses a very serious threat to our families and our society," Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb., said in support of the bill.

The legislation would clarify existing law by declaring Internet gambling illegal. It would cut off payments to betting Web sites and would allow authorities to work with Internet providers to block access to gambling Web sites.

Osborne and other bill supporters contend that it's too easy for online betters to lose money and to become addicted. Critics say policing the Internet is impossible and that it would be better to regulate the \$12 billion industry and collect taxes on it.

The American Gaming Association, the industry's largest lobby, has opposed online gambling in the past but recently backed a study of the feasibility of regulating it.

The Internet gambling industry is headquartered almost entirely outside the United States, though about half its customers live in the U.S.

The House is scheduled to vote later in the day on the bill, sponsored by Reps. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and Jim Leach, R-Iowa. Some of the debate focused on whether the bill would truly amount to a ban.

Critics point to exemptions that they say would allow online lotteries and Internet betting on horse racing to flourish while cracking down on other kinds of sports betting, casino games and card games like poker.

"Hypocrisy is certainly rampant here in the house today," Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., said.

Under the provision that relates to horse racing, betting operators would not be prohibited from any activity allowed under the Interstate Horseracing Act. That law was written in the 1970s to set up rules for interstate betting on racing. The industry successfully lobbied for legislation several years ago to clarify that horse racing over the Internet is allowed.

Greg Avioli, chief executive officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, said the mention of horse racing in the bill is "a recognition of existing federal law," not a new exemption.

Avioli said the racing industry has a strong future in the digital age and acknowledged that the bill would send Internet

gamblers to racing sites. "They'd return to the one place they can bet legally," he said.

The Justice Department has taken a different view on the legality of Internet betting on horse races. In a World Trade Organization case involving Antigua, the department said online betting on horse racing remains illegal under the 1961 Wire Act despite the existence of the more recently passed, and updated, Interstate Horseracing Act.

The department hasn't actively enforced its stance, but observers say it is possible that the agency and the racing industry could face off in court in the future.

Like the racing industry, professional sports leagues also like the bill. They argue that Web wagering could hurt the integrity of their sports.

Many conservatives back the bill on moral grounds, arguing that Internet betting is harmful to society.

John Kindt, a business profes-

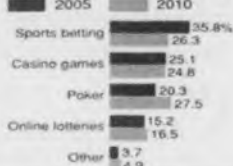
Online gaming rise

Industry analysts predict that revenue from global gambling on the Internet will approach \$24.5 billion by 2010.

Estimated global Internet gambling revenue, 2001-10



Estimated revenue by game



SOURCE: Christian Capital Advisors, LLC estimates

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sor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who has studied the issue, calls the Internet "the crack cocaine" of gambling.

Putting a stop to Internet fraud

PROTECTION, FROM PAGE 1

Encryption is taking readable text and coding it so that it becomes unreadable. At the University, the only way to make this information readable again would be to have a USB key and a password, Haschak said.

This would ensure that even if a laptop with sensitive information was stolen, the data could not be accessed without the key and without a password.

"If everything is done the way it should be, the information will be secure," Singer said.

With all these layers of security in place, it still comes down to user responsibility, according to Cindy Fuller, communications coordinator for the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

If sensitive information is stolen from the University, the Ohio Breach Notification Act states that state agencies, like the University, are required to contact individuals who live in Ohio if personal information about them is part of information that is "accessed and acquired by unauthorized persons" if it could lead to identity fraud.

If information was stolen, individuals should notify their banks, credit card companies and the police, as well as the Technology Support Center.

"The most important thing is that we take this seriously," Singer said. "We're diligent in trying to protect against anything."

Should individuals feel that the information the University has about them is insecure, they should call the TSC and voice their concern. The concern would then be investigated and measures would be taken, Singer said.

Keeping things like virus protection current and educating the University community through CIO alerts, workshops and presentations are also part of keeping information secure.

Security in place at the time of the security breach determines some of the actions those affected can take.

Among other things, holding the University liable for this breach of security means having to prove the University failed to protect that information, according to Rodney

Fleming, managing attorney with University Student Legal Services.

However, personal responsibility is a large part of the protection of sensitive information.

"You should give out your information as little as necessary," Fleming said. "Protect yourself as best as you can."

Protecting yourself includes watching credit card and bank accounts for unusual activity and ordering credit reports.

As of March 2005, residents of Ohio were able to get three free credit reports each year. Though there are many other reporting companies, only Experian, Equifax and TransUnion offer free reports as part of a federal law, according to Fleming.

Residents in all other states are also now eligible for this service.

"This is something you should be doing anyway. You can get it every quarter and check for account activity you don't recognize," Fleming said. "The bottom line is trusting the University to act in a reasonably prudent manner and you have to trust them to do so."

Boa remains at large

BOA, FROM PAGE 2

most likely live at the complex. As there has been no reports, my guess is that the owners found their snake."

Andy Odum, curator of herpetology at the Toledo Zoo, said that it is unlikely that this pet would know how to survive on its own.

He said that even if the snake was able to feed itself it would not know to look for shelter in the winter and sustained temperatures in the 40s would kill it.

"This snake is not any danger to people. It does not eat everyday and ultimately it would die if not found or rescued," Odum said.

He also said that the snake would probably feed on rats or ducks but that a small dog or cat could also be considered prey.

However, Sieving and Odum both said the snake will defend itself if provoked and improper handling could be dangerous.

Any sighting of the snake should immediately be reported to the police.

Bombay sees terror

TRAIN, FROM PAGE 1

blasts hit first-class cars — a sign the assailants were targeting the professional class in a city that has come to embody India's 21st century ambitions.

Bombay, also known as Mumbai, is the center of India's booming financial industry and the home of Bollywood, a city that presents itself to the world as a cosmopolitan metropolis where bankers dine with movie stars and fashion models party until dawn.

While that image captures one side of life in the city, Bombay is also crowded and largely poor. And across the city, the prosperous and downtrodden worked together to aid survivors.

As police and rescue services struggled to reach the blast scenes through Bombay's jammed, chaotic everyday traffic, bystanders pulled the wounded from the debris, offering them water and bundling them into every available vehicle — from trucks to three-wheeled auto-rickshaws.

Others wrapped bodies in railway blankets and carried them away. Police collected body parts in white plastic bags streaked with blood and rain.

"People around me didn't survive. I don't know how I did."

SHAILESH MHATE, SURVIVOR

Those survivors who could walked from the stations to hospitals.

There, they found scenes of chaos and carnage.

Doctors and volunteers wheeled in the wounded and dead, one after the other.

"I can't hear anything," said Shailesh Mhate, a man in his 20s, sitting on the floor of Veena Desai Hospital surrounded by bloody cotton swabs. "People around me didn't survive. I don't know how I did."

Another man, bloody bandages over his eyes, held out a phone to a nurse, begging her to call his wife and tell her he was OK.

The first bombing hit a train at Bandra station at 6:20 p.m. The blasts followed down the line of the Western Railway at or near stations at Khar, Jogeshwari, Mahim, Mira Road, Matunga and finally Borivili, which was struck by two blasts at 6:35 p.m., according to the Star News channel. However, other reports gave different time lines.

Some passengers reportedly jumped from speeding trains in panic.

Maharashtra state Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh said after meeting with his Cabinet that the death toll was 147, with 439 others wounded, as of yesterday night.

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BAD JOKE:

Q: Does a garlic necklace really keep you safe from bears?

A: It depends on how fast you can run while wearing it.

NOT NEWS

You could tell yourself that it's news, but it's just not.



"I feel like I know you, but that's probably because I've been staring at you from a darkened corner for three hours."

How will mankind become extinct? We've got options...



JOHN
TURNER
Not News Editor

Life here on Earth for us humans isn't forever, in fact, it's likely to go down as a very tiny segment of time in the history of our planet.

So, given the fact that our run is bound to eventually come to an end, which way will our species go down? Also, if you had to choose one, which would it be? There's a variety of possibilities to consider so read carefully — mankind can only go extinct once so let's do it right.

1) Global warming — First off, I'd like to thank Al Gore for bringing this threat to our attention in his documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth." Where would we be without you Mr. Gore? Well, probably not on the Internet.

The issue at hand is that greenhouse gases trapped in our atmosphere, resulting in a rise in temperature within the next 70 years of up to 2 degrees Celsius.

However, the real problem would result in melting of polar ice caps and a variety of other issues related to the rise in temperature.

One positive of this situation is that summer would be extended by at least a few weeks. Still, that probably wouldn't make up for not being able to go outside without SPF 300 lotion and an oxygen mask.

2) Robots take over — I'm not sure even Keanu Reeves could handle this one. Mankind is quickly approaching a time where we will be reliant upon machines that will have humanlike abilities to think, feel and most importantly, act.

Fortunately, if the machine uprising ever takes place, we could just turn off all the power and then chill out in space while we wait for their batteries to run out.

I know, it is a great plan.

3) Pandemics — Whether it's the flu, HIV or SARS, pandemics have always posed a threat to people around the globe. Recently, avian influenza in chickens has posed the greatest threat of pandemic,

but has yet to cause the widespread destruction initially predicted.

Although the threat of a pandemic in our lifetime is high, the odds of it taking out every man and woman on this planet are exceptionally low considering the survivors could just wear cool, futuristic space suits all of the time.

4) Conflict — Terrorism, wars and the threat of nuclear launches have always been a major culprit in loss of life throughout history. I could only hope, however, that we would never nuke every square inch of this planet to the point where it is no longer inhabitable. If it comes to that, then I would say we probably don't deserve to exist anymore anyway.

5) Meteorite impact — No worries, Bruce Willis and Ben Affleck will save us.

6) Swallowed by a black hole — Although there is very little chance of this ever happening, it sure would be an interesting way for us all to go.

Plus, maybe we'd end up in another dimension or alternate universe instead, which would be far better than sitting around in the Milky Way waiting for our Sun to burnout.

7) Aliens take over — One of two things will happen that will quell this war of worlds. First, we'll throw water on them and they'll run away, or second, the president and Will Smith will hop into fighter jets and take them down one by one.

Trust me, I've seen these ideas work dozens of times before.

8) Voluntary extinction — Believe it or not, there are a group of people on this planet who would like to see man simply stop procreating and die out.

First off, this form of extinction is no fun at all.

Secondly, these people are more likely than not just creating an excuse for why they are going to live the rest of their sad lives alone and without purpose.

9) The rapture — This is when Jesus comes back, takes Christians to heaven and lays a beat down on everyone left. Although Jesus remains at-large, I'm sure he's just wait-

ing for Hillary Clinton to run for president before he says enough is enough and comes down to put an end to things.

10) Chuck Norris — I'm not sure if the facts on this guy are true or not, but I would rather not test him to find out. Let's just keep buying the Total Gym XL so we don't irritate him. Otherwise, our best hope would be for number nine to occur as soon as possible.

The good news is that he'll be here to fight the aliens and the robots if that ever goes down, so I'd say he's more of a pro than a con.

There you have it, 10 of the most likely causes of our demise as humans. Discussing the deaths of over 6 billion people may sound depressing, but we need to be informed of these threats so we're ready when they arise.

Though it all seems very complicated, it's actually quite simple. In the end, the fate of the world boils down to one thing: If Hillary Clinton becomes president, we're all in a lot of trouble.

Do you have a preference on how the world should end? E-mail John at john@bgsu.edu.



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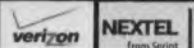
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Award for wrongly accused suspect

COLUMBUS (AP) — The state has approved its largest wrongful imprisonment settlement, awarding \$2.5 million to a man found innocent of a bank robbery and guard's murder after serving 26 years.

The state Controlling Board made its unanimous decision Monday. Timothy Howard, 52, of Columbus, will receive about \$1.4 million to divide with his attorneys, who will get one-third, and nearly \$1.1 million to be paid in monthly installments over 30 years.

Euclid elections blocked by lawsuit

EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice sued the city Monday seeking to block elections until the city restructures its election process to give black candidates a better chance at holding public office.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Cleveland, alleges that majority whites voting as a bloc in an at-large election setup have made it impossible for a black candidate to get elected.

"The Justice Department believes today's lawsuit is necessary to preserve the voting rights of African-American citizens in the city of Euclid," Assistant Attorney General Wan J. Kim, who heads up the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, said in a news release.

Schools take out more insurance

COLUMBUS (AP) — School insurance policies that used to cover the basics — workers' compensation for staff, liability insurance for jungle gym accidents — now also cover catastrophes such as terrorist attacks or school shootings, insurers and school officials say.

Districts noticed events in the news such as school shootings and natural disasters and expanded their policies, said Jeff Junkas of the American Insurance Association.

House Bill could restrict online gambling

By Nancy Zuckerbrod
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Internet gambling is addictive, dangerous and should be outlawed, lawmakers argued yesterday as the House took up a bill to prevent people from using credit cards or other payment forms to settle online wagers.

"The ease of Internet gambling poses a very serious threat to our families and our society," Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb., said in support of the bill.

The legislation would clarify existing law by declaring Internet gambling illegal. It would cut off payments to betting Web sites and would allow authorities to work with Internet providers to block access to gambling Web sites.

Osborne and other bill supporters contend that it's too easy for online betters to lose money and to become addicted. Critics say policing the Internet is impossible and that it would be better to regulate the \$12 billion industry and collect taxes on it.

The American Gaming Association, the industry's largest lobby, has opposed online gambling in the past but recently backed a study of the feasibility of regulating it.

The Internet gambling industry is headquartered almost entirely outside the United States, though about half its customers live in the U.S.

The House is scheduled to vote later in the day on the bill, sponsored by Reps. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and Jim Leach, R-Iowa. Some of the debate focused on whether the bill would truly amount to a ban.

Critics point to exemptions that they say would allow online lotteries and Internet betting on horse racing to flourish while cracking down on other kinds of sports betting, casino games and card games like poker.

"Hypocrisy is certainly rampant here in the house today," Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., said.

Under the provision that relates to horse racing, betting operators would not be prohibited from any activity allowed under the Interstate Horseracing Act. That law was written in the 1970s to set up rules for interstate betting on racing. The industry successfully lobbied for legislation several years ago to clarify that horse racing over the Internet is allowed.

Greg Avioli, chief executive officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, said the mention of horse racing in the bill is "a recognition of existing federal law," not a new exemption.

Avioli said the racing industry has a strong future in the digital age and acknowledged that the bill would send Internet

gamblers to racing sites. "They'd return to the one place they can bet legally," he said.

The Justice Department has taken a different view on the legality of Internet betting on horse races. In a World Trade Organization case involving Antigua, the department said online betting on horse racing remains illegal under the 1961 Wire Act despite the existence of the more recently passed, and updated, Interstate Horseracing Act.

The department hasn't actively enforced its stance, but observers say it is possible that the agency and the racing industry could face off in court in the future.

Like the racing industry, professional sports leagues also like the bill. They argue that Web wagering could hurt the integrity of their sports.

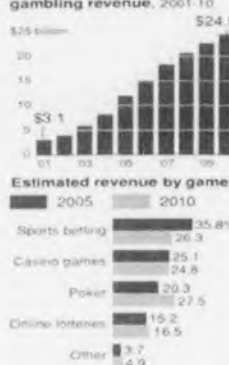
Many conservatives back the bill on moral grounds, arguing that Internet betting is harmful to society.

John Kindt, a business profes-

Online gaming rise

Industry analysts predict that revenue from global gambling on the Internet will approach \$24.5 billion by 2010.

Estimated global internet gambling revenue, 2001-10



SOURCE: Christian Capital Advisors, LLC estimates

AP: sor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who has studied the issue, calls the Internet "the crack cocaine" of gambling.

Putting a stop to Internet fraud

PROTECTION, FROM PAGE 1

Encryption is taking readable text and coding it so that it becomes unreadable. At the University, the only way to make this information readable again would be to have a USB key and a password, Haschak said.

This would ensure that even if a laptop with sensitive information was stolen, the data could not be accessed without the key and without a password.

"If everything is done the way it should be, the information will be secure," Singer said.

With all these layers of security in place, it still comes down to user responsibility, according to Cindy Fuller, communications coordinator for the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

If sensitive information is stolen from the University, the Ohio Breach Notification Act states that state agencies, like the University, are required to contact individuals who live in Ohio if personal information about them is part of information that is "accessed and acquired by unauthorized persons" if it could lead to identity fraud.

If information was stolen, individuals should notify their banks, credit card companies and the police, as well as the Technology Support Center.

"The most important thing is that we take this seriously," Singer said. "We're diligent in trying to protect against anything."

Should individuals feel that the information the University has about them is insecure, they should call the TSC and voice their concern. The concern would then be investigated and measures would be taken, Singer said.

Keeping things like virus protection current and educating the University community through CIO alerts, workshops and presentations are also part of keeping information secure.

Security in place at the time of the security breach determines some of the actions those affected can take.

Among other things, holding the University liable for this breach of security means having to prove the University failed to protect that information, according to Rodney

Fleming, managing attorney with University Student Legal Services.

However, personal responsibility is a large part of the protection of sensitive information.

"You should give out your information as little as necessary," Fleming said. "Protect yourself as best as you can."

Protecting yourself includes watching credit card and bank accounts for unusual activity and ordering credit reports.

As of March 2005, residents of Ohio were able to get three free credit reports each year. Though there are many other reporting companies, only Experian, Equifax and TransUnion offer free reports as part of a federal law, according to Fleming.

Residents in all other states are also now eligible for this service.

"This is something you should be doing anyway. You can get it every quarter and check for account activity you don't recognize," Fleming said. "The bottom line is trusting the University to act in a reasonably prudent manner and you have to trust them to do so."

Boa remains at large

BOA, FROM PAGE 2

most likely live at the complex. As there has been no reports, my guess is that the owners found their snake."

Andy Odum, curator of herpetology at the Toledo Zoo, said that it is unlikely that this pet would know how to survive on its own.

He said that even if the snake was able to feed itself it would not know to look for shelter in the winter and sustained temperatures in the 40s would kill it.

"This snake is not any danger to people. It does not eat everyday and ultimately it would die if not found or rescued," Odum said.

He also said that the snake would probably feed on rats or ducks but that a small dog or cat could also be considered prey.

However, Sieving and Odum both said the snake will defend itself if provoked and improper handling could be dangerous.

Any sighting of the snake should immediately be reported to the police.

Bombay sees terror

TRAIN, FROM PAGE 1

blasts hit first-class cars — a sign the assailants were targeting the professional class in a city that has come to embody India's 21st century ambitions.

Bombay, also known as Mumbai, is the center of India's booming financial industry and the home of Bollywood, a city that presents itself to the world as a cosmopolitan metropolis where bankers dine with movie stars and fashion models party until dawn.

While that image captures one side of life in the city, Bombay is also crowded and largely poor. And across the city, the prosperous and downtrodden worked together to aid survivors.

As police and rescue services struggled to reach the blast scenes through Bombay's jammed, chaotic everyday traffic, bystanders pulled the wounded from the debris, offering them water and bundling them into every available vehicle — from trucks to three-wheeled auto-rickshaws.

Others wrapped bodies in railway blankets and carried them away. Police collected body parts in white plastic bags streaked with blood and rain.

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SHAILESH MHATE, SURVIVOR

Those survivors who could walked from the stations to hospitals.

There, they found scenes of chaos and carnage.

Doctors and volunteers wheeled in the wounded and dead, one after the other.

"I can't hear anything," said Shailesh Mhate, a man in his 20s, sitting on the floor of Veena Desai Hospital surrounded by bloody cotton swabs. "People around me didn't survive. I don't know how I did."

Another man, bloody bandages over his eyes, held out a phone to a nurse, begging her to call his wife and tell her he was OK.

The first bombing hit a train at Bandra station at 6:20 p.m. The blasts followed down the line of the Western Railway at or near stations at Khar, Jogeshwari, Mahim, Mira Road, Matunga and finally Borivili, which was struck by two blasts at 6:35 p.m., according to the Star News channel. However, other reports gave different time lines.

Some passengers reportedly jumped from speeding trains in panic.

Maharashtra state Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh said after meeting with his Cabinet that the death toll was 147, with 439 others wounded, as of yesterday night.

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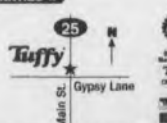
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Q: Does a garlic necklace really keep you safe from bears?

A: It depends on how fast you can run while wearing it.

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You could tell yourself that it's news, but it's just not.

NEWS



"I feel like I know you, but that's probably because I've been staring at you from a darkened corner for three hours."

How will mankind become extinct? We've got options...



JOHN
TURNER
Not News Editor

Life here on Earth for us humans isn't forever, in fact, it's likely to go down as a very tiny segment of time in the history of our planet.

So, given the fact that our run is bound to eventually come to an end, which way will our species go down? Also, if you had to choose one, which would it be? There's a variety of possibilities to consider so read carefully — mankind can only go extinct once so let's do it right.

1) Global warming — First off, I'd like to thank Al Gore for bringing this threat to our attention in his documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth." Where would we be without you Mr. Gore? Well, probably not on the Internet.

The issue at hand is that greenhouse gases trapped in our atmosphere, resulting in a rise in temperature within the next 70 years of up to 2 degrees Celsius.

However, the real problem would result in melting of polar ice caps and a variety of other issues related to the rise in temperature.

One positive of this situation is that summer would be extended by at least a few weeks. Still, that probably wouldn't make up for not being able to go outside without SPF 300 lotion and an oxygen mask.

2) Robots take over — I'm not sure even Keanu Reeves could handle this one. Mankind is quickly approaching a time where we will be reliant upon machines that will have humanlike abilities to think, feel and most importantly, act.

Fortunately, if the machine uprising ever takes place, we could just turn off all the power and then chill out in space while we wait for their batteries to run out.

I know, it is a great plan.

3) Pandemics — Whether it's the flu, HIV or SARS, pandemics have always posed a threat to people around the globe. Recently, avian influenza in chickens has posed the greatest threat of pandemic,

but has yet to cause the widespread destruction initially predicted.

Although the threat of a pandemic in our lifetime is high, the odds of it taking out every man and woman on this planet are exceptionally low considering the survivors could just wear cool, futuristic space suits all of the time.

4) Conflict — Terrorism, wars and the threat of nuclear launches have always been a major culprit in loss of life throughout history. I could only hope, however, that we would never nuke every square inch of this planet to the point where it is no longer inhabitable. If it comes to that, then I would say we probably don't deserve to exist anymore anyway.

5) Meteorite impact — No worries, Bruce Willis and Ben Affleck will save us.

6) Swallowed by a black hole — Although there is very little chance of this ever happening, it sure would be an interesting way for us all to go.

Plus, maybe we'd end up in another dimension or alternate universe instead, which would be far better than sitting around in the Milky Way waiting for our Sun to burnout.

7) Aliens take over — One of two things will happen that will quell this war of worlds. First, we'll throw water on them and they'll run away, or second, the president and Will Smith will hop into fighter jets and take them down one by one.

Trust me, I've seen these ideas work dozens of times before.

8) Voluntary extinction — Believe it or not, there are a group of people on this planet who would like to see man simply stop procreating and die out.

First off, this form of extinction is no fun at all.

Secondly, these people are more likely than not just creating an excuse for why they are going to live the rest of their sad lives alone and without purpose.

9) The rapture — This is when Jesus comes back, takes Christians to heaven and lays a beat down on everyone left. Although Jesus remains at-large, I'm sure he's just wait-

ing for Hillary Clinton to run for president before he says enough is enough and comes down to put an end to things.

10) Chuck Norris — I'm not sure if the facts on this guy are true or not, but I would rather not test him to find out. Let's just keep buying the Total Gym XL so we don't irritate him. Otherwise, our best hope would be for number nine to occur as soon as possible.

The good news is that he'll be here to fight the aliens and the robots if that ever goes down, so I'd say he's more of a pro than a con.

There you have it, 10 of the most likely causes of our demise as humans. Discussing the deaths of over 6 billion people may sound depressing, but we need to be informed of these threats so we're ready when they arise.

Though it all seems very complicated, it's actually quite simple. In the end, the fate of the world boils down to one thing: If Hillary Clinton becomes president, we're all in a lot of trouble.

Do you have a preference on how the world should end? E-mail John at john@bgsu.edu.



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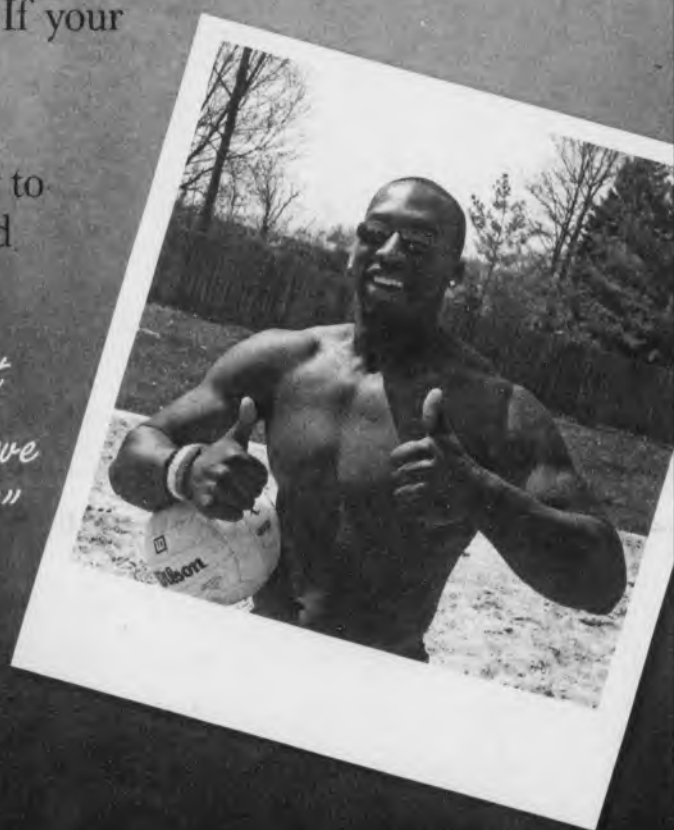
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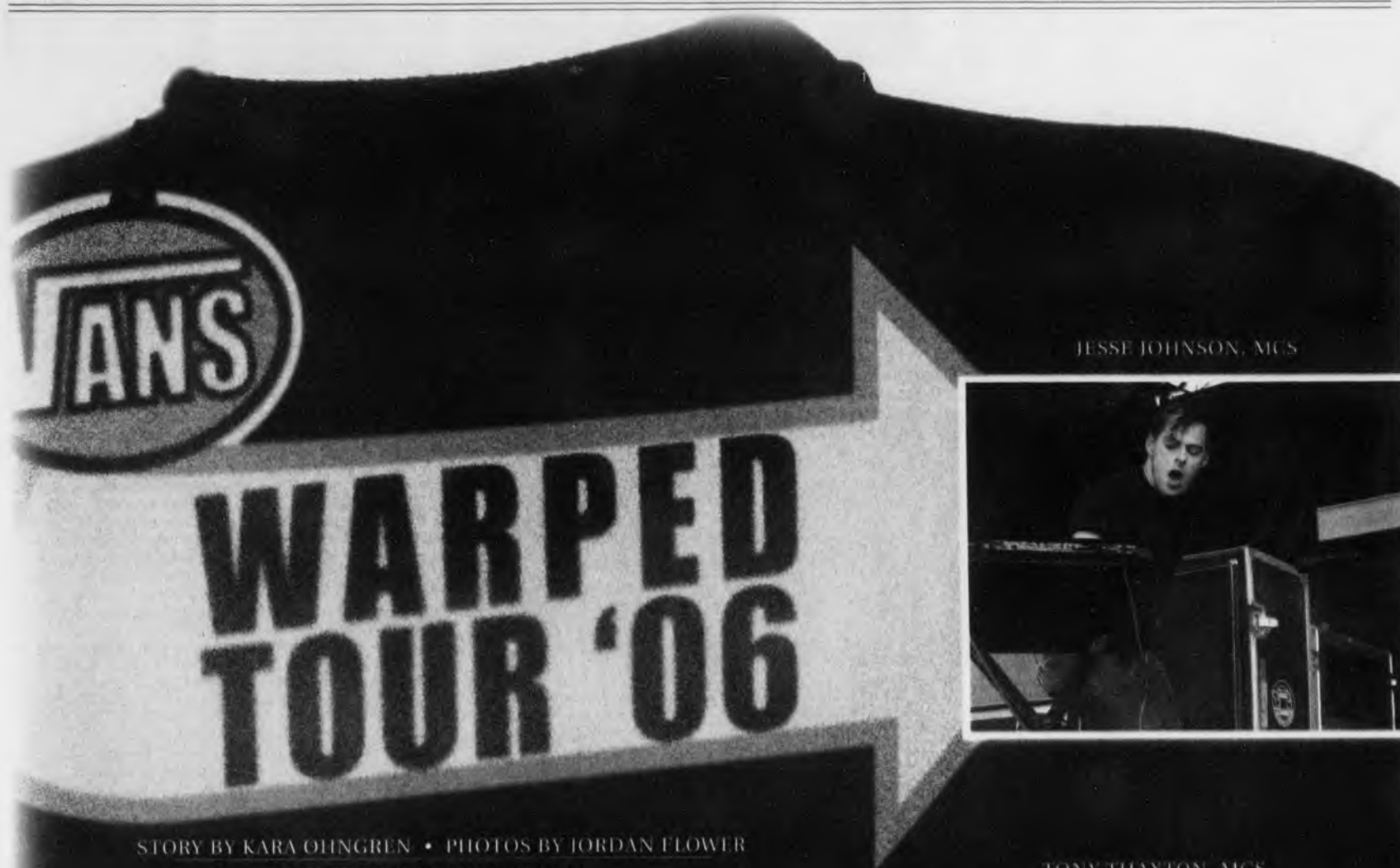
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So tell me, what's life really like on the Warped Tour?

MCS: A lot of sweating. We're just trying to find ways to not get bored and have a good time. A lot of hanging out, a lot of talking. A lot of going "Oh yea, I think I know you." I have to tell you too, the food is amazing. It's like going out to eat but it's total home cooking. It's like going out to eat at Gram's house.

Adair: A lot of driving. From looking at the routing, overnight driving gets kinda crazy. They usually have a barbecue every night so we hang out a little bit for that. But the crazy parties don't really happen, aside from the first and last nights of the tour. Set up day, before the first show, we were all at the venue, setting up and they had a kick-off party that night, so that was a lot of fun. But I really don't think that happens too often. I feel like I should acclimate myself to the tour first, before I start to get really plastered. I usually wait like a week then start drinking. (laughing) just kidding. As far as pranks go I would love to see some serious water balloon fights happen.

What about the bus? What happens on there?

MCS: I feel like I'm on the bus less at Warped Tour which is weird because I should want to be on it more. There's a lot of fun people to hang out with. Play some Guitar Hero (a Play Station 2 video game).

Adair: We have an RV and we don't play as much video games as perhaps other bands do. We watch a lot of movies. We make a lot of friendship bracelets, which Rob (lead vocals) is modeling one right now.

Can I have one?

Adair: Well, I would have to see you again for you to be considered my friend and then be able to give you an official friendship bracelet.

What is your advice to bands who are new to the Warped Tour or trying to get on?

MCS: I think it's almost too late. If you're already here you're doing the right thing. I think one of the big things to remember is you're not

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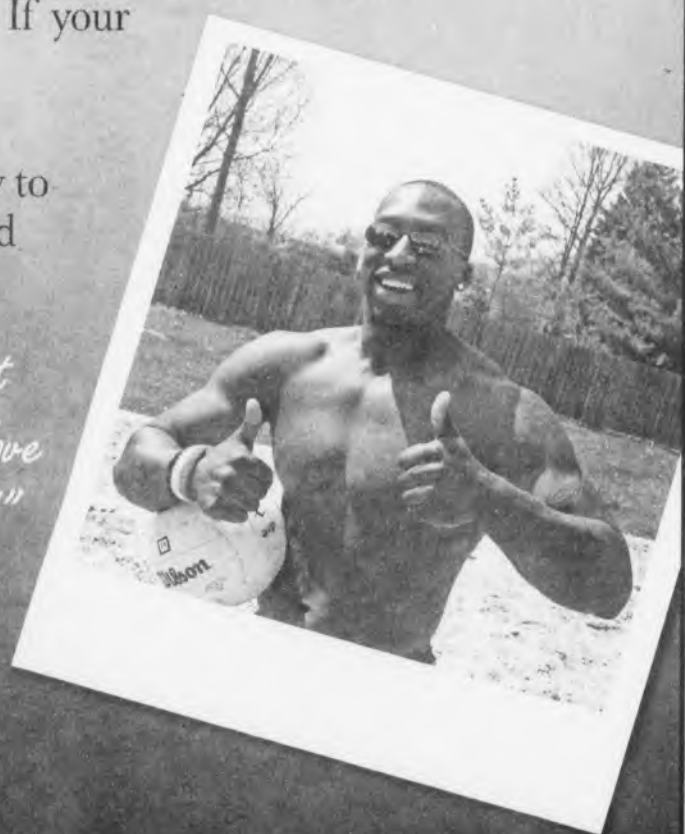
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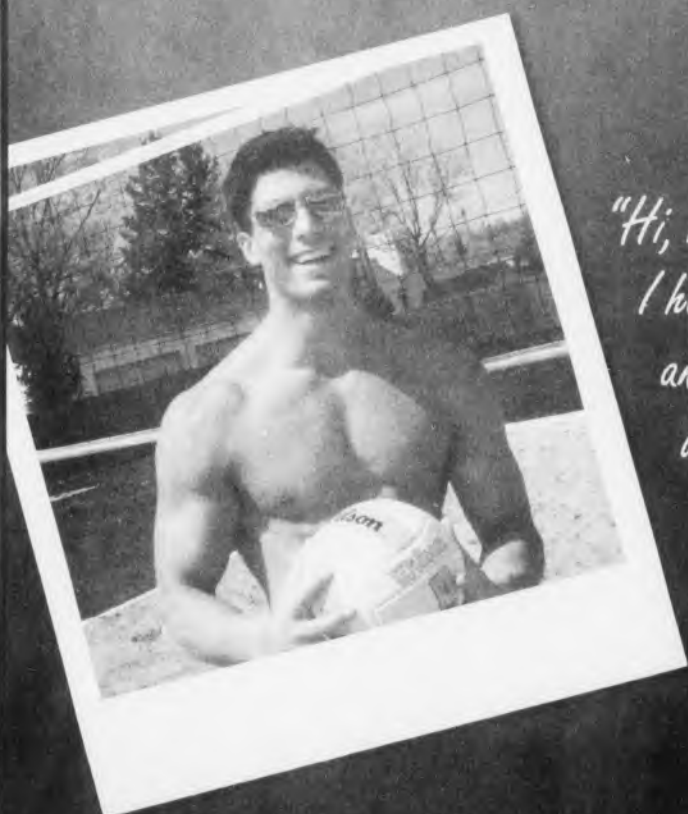
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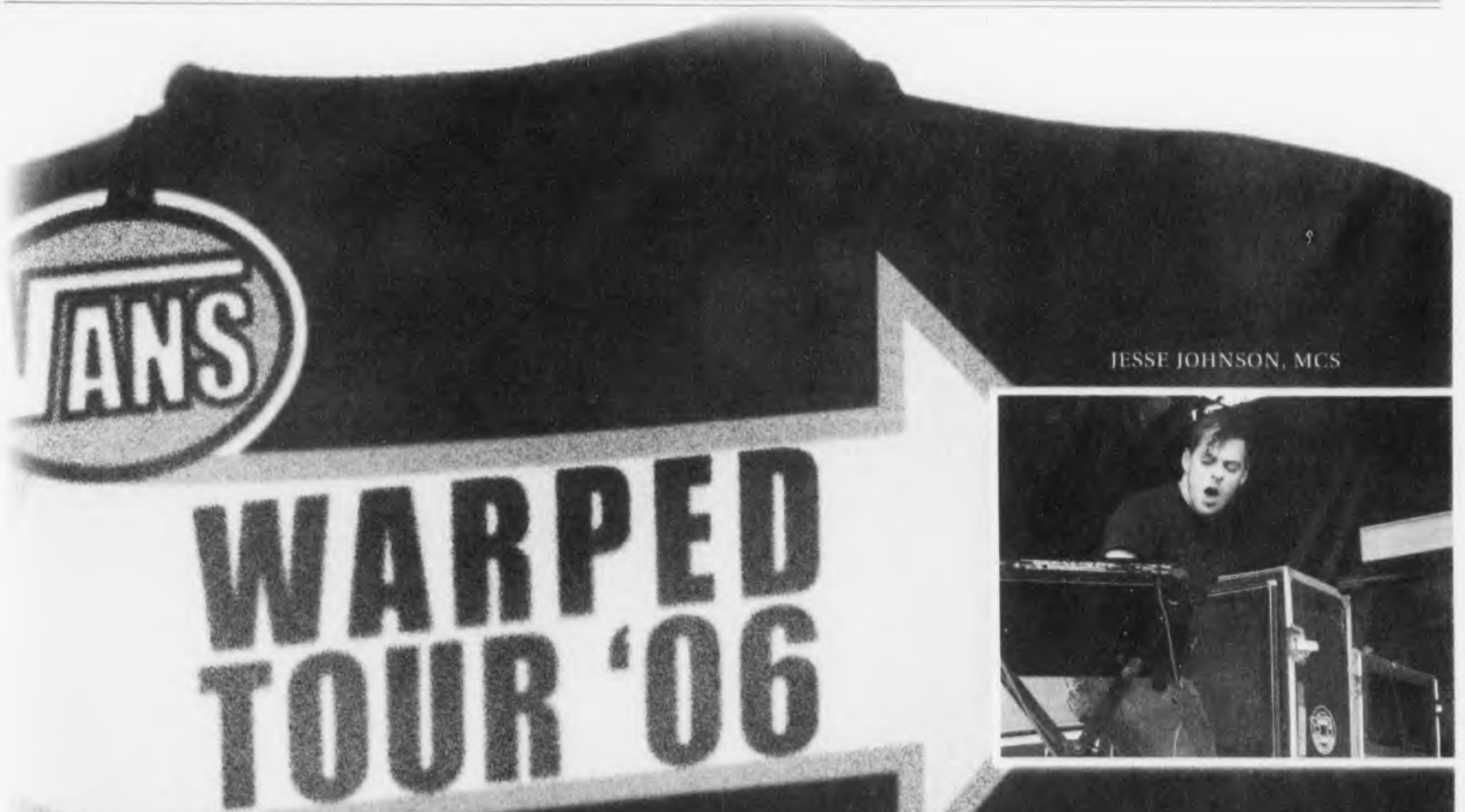
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Adair: I haven't been able to check out a lot of other bands, we've kind of been running around a lot. I did watch The Bled and they were pretty amazing. We also saw Saves the Day. I hope we get a chance to see them again today. We caught a few minutes of Underoath and We are the Fury, they were both really sick. Since we were just on Taste of Chaos (similar to Warped, in the winter) we got to know a lot of the bands and crew members that are here, so there are a lot of the same crew people and bands here. There are also some other bands that we've toured with before that, so we have a lot of friends on Warped.

So tell me, what's life really like on the Warped Tour?

MCS: A lot of sweating. We're just trying to find ways to not get bored and have a good time. A lot of hanging out, a lot of talking. A lot of going "Oh yea, I think I know you." I have to tell you too, the food is amazing. It's like going out to eat but it's total home cooking. It's like going out to eat at Gram's house.

Adair: A lot of driving. From looking at the routing, overnight driving gets kinda crazy. They usually have a barbecue every night so we hang out a little bit for that. But the crazy parties don't really happen, aside from the first and last nights of the tour. Set up day, before the first show, we were all at the venue, setting up and they had a kick-off party that night, so that was a lot of fun. But I really don't think that happens too often. I feel like I should acclimate myself to the tour first, before I start to get really plastered. I usually wait like a week then start drinking. (laughing) just kidding. As far as pranks go I would love to see some serious water balloon fights happen.

What about the bus? What happens on there?

MCS: I feel like I'm on the bus less at Warped Tour which is weird because I should want to be on it more. There's a lot of fun people to hang out with. Play some Guitar Hero (a Play Station 2 video game).

Adair: We have an RV and we don't play as much video games as perhaps other bands do. We watch a lot of movies. We make a lot of friendship bracelets, which Rob (lead vocals) is modeling one right now.

Can I have one?

Adair: Well, I would have to see you again for you to be considered my friend and then be able to give you an official friendship bracelet.

What is your advice to bands who are new to the Warped Tour or trying to get on?

MCS: I think it's almost too late. If you're already here you're doing the right thing. I think one of the big things to remember is you're not

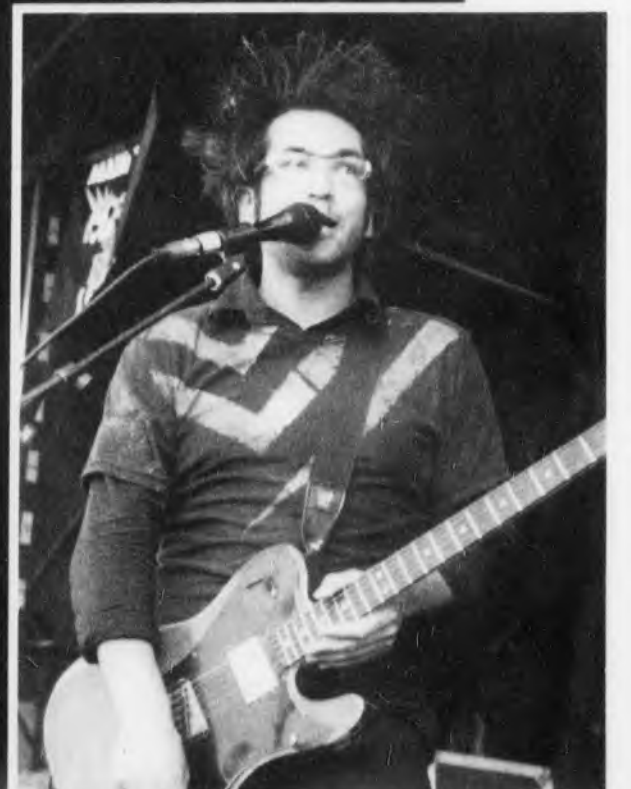
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Zoo music shows return

"Music Under the Stars," has become a tradition at the Zoo

By Addie Curlls
REPORTER

Northwest Ohio residents have been adding free Sunday night concerts at the Toledo Zoo to their summer schedules for 53 years.

"Music Under the Stars" has become somewhat of a tradition in Toledo, offering free entertainment for families, seniors and couples.

According to Andi Norman, director of Marketing and Public Relations, the zoo's historic 70-year-old amphitheater provides open air for up to 4,500 people on nice summer evenings under the stars.

"The turnout varies depending on the weather, but if the weather is nice, the amphitheater is full, because it's a nice and safe venue for people to enjoy a nice evening," Norman said.

The Toledo Concert band performs each week with the featured musician. The concert band, consisting of about 40 members, is a spin-off of the original Toledo Symphony. Communications Director for the symphony MeriBeth Hill said 60 percent of the concert band is made up of members of the symphony, and the rest is made up of professional musicians around the area.

The band rehearses during the summer every Sunday afternoon prior to their evening performances.

The music each Sunday night is arranged around a certain theme decided by Musical Director and Conductor Sam Szor. He secured this title since the first summer of "Music Under the Stars" 53 years ago.

Hill said Szor started as a musi-

cian himself, went to teaching and is now a conductor for the symphony. She said he has earned the nickname of Toledo's Mr. Music.

"Sam has made this a really neat event that people look forward to in Toledo," Hill said. "It's music people know and like, and Szor likes to get the audience involved by having them sing along."

According to the Toledo Zoo's Web site, some of the themes are Disney, Broadway, Independence, Hollywood and Jazz.

Hill estimates that 3,000 people show up for the concerts each week. She is basing that on the last five years and what themes seem to be more popular.

A new feature has been added to the original patriotic theme for one of the nights. On July 16, the National Anthem Project will be coming to the zoo for various activities throughout the day and then partake in the music festivities that evening, Norman said.

The National Anthem Project is a traveling project to raise awareness about "The Star-Spangled Banner." It has been detected that many people in the U.S. do not know the words to our national anthem.

The Toledo Zoo also offers dinner at the Beastro Café for people coming to listen to the live entertainment. Dinner is provided by a wait staff from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There are also refreshments such as hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream on sale near the amphitheater.

Overall, "Music Under the Stars" has a lineup of talented headliners who perform with the Toledo Concert band for up to two million audience members each summer.

In addition to the guests already appearing, several more may be added throughout the summer.

Editor's note: Concerts are every Sunday in July and August starting at 7:30 p.m.

"It's music people know and like, and Szor likes to get the audience involved."

MERIBETH HILL,
DIRECTOR

CD REVIEWS

MoZella



"MoZella"
Maverick Records



Twenty-three year old MoZella has been linked to having the combined lyrical styles of Norah Jones and Lauryn Hill.

The question remains as to whether she will stand the test of time with a voice that sounds like two other mature artists? Not unless she comes up with a voice of her own.

Listening to the tracks on her debut album, each song sounds the same. Falling into the same-old-song coma, it's hard to focus on the lyrics, let alone each individual song. Her first song, "You Wanted It" sounded like the beginning of a Macy Gray song, sung accidentally by Norah Jones.

The rhythm was laid back and smooth, making it even more difficult to appreciate as a work of a "talented" new artist. There is very little development through the album. It's a cloudy combination of guitars, drums, and synthesizers that never change tempo, timbre, or riffs.

A disappointing "new" album, MoZella needs to take her favorite artists and genres into consideration to create a new, unique identity. In a world of modern artists attempting to make a name for their selves, it is ever more important to have something new and unique.

- Samantha Closs

Family Force 5



"Business up Front/Party in the Back"
Reprise Records



Family Force 5, a two-year-old indie band derives from Atlanta, Georgia. Three biological brothers and two friends make up the band. Considering their music "crunk rock," they enjoy rocking out with heavy guitar riffs and rap, creating pretty heavy music. Inspired by Rage Against the Machine, the Beastie Boys and White Stripes, this band is sure to turn some heads and ears. Playing off their southern, deep-fried chicken and grits culture, they work hard to creating new sounds, southern style.

Their music ranges from the lighter side of lyrics to more of a hard-core punk style. "Cadillac Phunke," their first song title is heavy and hard-core, compared to the more laid back and lyrical "X-Girlfriend." Very electric in nature, this music will definitely pump you up and keep you going all day. "Drama Queen" is a hilarious track. Making fun of those girls you hate, their Rage Against the Machine influence is evident in this song and definitely deserves to be the anthem for the "psychosomatic drama queen," whom we all know in one form or another.

Business up Front/Party in the Back is a surprisingly good album. Thankfully, there are no major references to the mullet.

- Samantha Closs

Rock Kills Kids



"Are You Nervous?"
Reprise Records



Sounding like they fell straight from the Top 40 Charts of the 1980s, Rock Kills Kid is very nostalgic in nature. Laid-back lyrics and grooving beats that reminds us of past endeavors from our childhood, "Are You Nervous?" actually does not make you nervous like the title states. Rock Kills Kid would be a great addition to anybody's iPod playlist, with their ripped from the 80s beats.

Each song is different in character, either containing harmonies from the '80s or haunting lyrics guaranteed to get stuck in your head, like "Paralyzed" or "Don't Want to Stay."

Los Angeles indie alternative rock band, Rock Kills Kid arrived on the music scene in 2001. Inspired by frustrated musicians of the late '70s and '80s, Rock Kills Kid chooses U2, The Cure, Joy Division and The Smiths among their top favorite groups and the source of their inspiration.

Playing musical musicians for three years, the group finally solidified to the members present today. They were signed by Fearless Records in 2001, officially keeping their band name.

This ensemble is very talented and full of promise. Look out for this band in later years with new releases.

- Samantha Closs

The Wreckers



"Stand Still Look Pretty"
Maverick Records



Michelle Branch has resurfaced and in teaming up with Jessica Harp, the duo has created a new album, "Stand Still Look Pretty," under the group name The Wreckers. Told by fans that they sounded alike, they traded indie recordings early on in their music careers. From then, the rest seems like history and a great beginning. Getting along famously, having similar musical tastes, interests and dreams, they signed with Maverick Records in 2004, anxiously awaiting the arrival of their debut country album.

The second after playing the CD, it's impossible to decipher Jessica from Michelle. With smooth, sultry voices, they introduce their album with "Leave the Pieces." Each song after the first seems to get more mellow and heartfelt. Not leaving their pop and rock roots, Michelle and Jessica find ways to move the listener with each song. Infusing each track with a triage of genres and styles, The Wreckers definitely have something good going on and are able to create a successful album.

I look forward to anything else that comes out under their names. Soft, romantic ballads, twangy, aggressive attacks, and meditative musical dreams fill their present album.

- Samantha Closs

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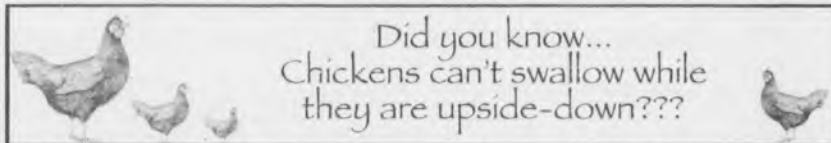
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Couch potato rant: Best actor



JASON WHITED

Couch Potato Columnist

In 171 days our eyes and the world will witness something so glorious that all of mankind will stop and have to take a bow. The greatest actor of our and any other generation will release his long awaited next movie, "Rocky Balboa," and will star none other than Mr. Sylvester Stallone.

This sixth installment of the best movie character of all time, Rocky Balboa, is expected to be one of the best of the "Rocky" bunch and will look deeper into the man they call Rocky.

Now many may not think this movie is a big deal, but these people are just not thinking about how monumental this movie really is going to be. Just take a look at the work of Sly and it is clear to see he is the greatest actor of all-time. Forget Hanks, forget Pacino and forget Pauly Shore, Sly is the real deal.

Stallone tops the mountain as not only the greatest actor of all-time but also as one of the greatest Americans. Just look at some of his characters that he has brought us over the years.

John J. Rambo helped us remember the harsh war that was Vietnam

and made us all proud to be American once again.

Then there was John Spartan, a cop brought out of a cryogenic freeze to stop the mad man Simon Phoenix (Wesley Snipes) in "Demolition Man." Sly was so ahead of the game in this classic that he even predicted that the Terminator would become the governor. I mean this man is obviously amazing.

These characters are just a few of the greats that Sly has brought to our eyes, and he has proven time and time again to be the greatest actor of all-time.

But for those that don't feel they can wait the 171 days without a Stallone fix, then it might be a good idea to tune into ESPN on July 18 to watch Sly's boxing reality TV show, "The Contender," where one unknown boxer will rise to fame.

And if you can't even wait that long then log onto www.SylvesterStallone.com and purchase some of his minerals, vitamins or his new, delicious glacial water. This Web site will really show you how great of an American, a man and especially an actor Sly really is.

Well so long for now, "Movies for Guys Who like Movies" is about to show "Tango and Cash."

Editor's Note: To submit your own Couch Potato Rant, contact Matt Manning at thematt@bgnews.com

Superman: Box office bore

The Man of Steel has a more weaknesses in the latest sequel

By Charles A. Hohman
MOVIE CRITIC

After achieving fame from his work on "The Usual Suspects" and "X-Men," director Bryan Singer's

"Superman Returns" moves at a sluggish pace, bound to try the attention span of all but the most devoted Man of Steel fans.

Almost entirely action-free, the first hour drags on, and the elaborate final third is polluted with superfluous scenes and more false climaxes than the even most ambitious of pornos.

When the inconsequential ending finally does arrive, it hammers home the fact that while Superman's chest may be invulnerable to bullet holes, his movies are not invulnerable to plot holes.

The visual effects are dazzling only when no humans are

involved. In 2006, there should be plenty of ways to make a flying man appear uncannily realistic.

The dawdling progressions and mediocre visual effects would be less noticeable if the characters were compelling in the slightest degree.

Brandon Routh rode his soap-opera resume into the major Hollywood role that all the hot Hollywood actors rejected. Routh embodies the timeless hero with a competent but bland finesse, devoid of the hubris and dynamism one would expect in such a gargantuan figure. He's Superman for crying out loud, he ought to act like it!

At times, Routh's displays are so stiff that Christopher Reeve's corpse could offer a more life-like performance. Fittingly, Routh is more at ease as the bumbling alter ego Clark Kent,

where he can unleash his insecurity in being suddenly saddled with this demanding role.

"The visual effects are dazzling only when no humans are involved."

His darling love interest Kate Bosworth is hardly believable as a brunette, let alone as Lois Lane. I guess suspending any disbelief that none of these people have the slightest

inkling that Clark just might be Superman is essential.

However, the only time Bosworth's Lane shows the slightest glimmer of energy or even intellect is during her sparring matches with the Man of Steel's nemesis.

Otherwise, Lane is just a weepy love interest so distant and burdened that it's questionable what even Clark or her moronic husband, played by James Marsden, see in her.

Luckily, Kevin Spacey offers a merciful respite from these two labored leads with his scen-

ery-chomping Lex Luthor. His performance makes you yearn for and relish his every scene he makes it into. The double-Oscar winner gleefully hams it up as the psychotic supervillain.

All in all, Spacey's Luthor is one of those frighteningly way off the deep end spectacles that call more attention to the actor's sanity than the character's. But at least it's engrossing, and in a film lacking interesting personifications, it's a godsend. It's too bad the usually stellar Parker Posey's Kitty is as often a harsh shrew as she is a superficial halt to Luthor's madness.

"Superman Returns" is the product of a storied struggle to resurrect a preeminent American icon. The mission of the movie seems to have been more about getting it made than making it good.

Upon knowing the history and the many names at some point or another attached to this daunting vehicle, the less-than-super revival is a regrettable letdown.

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Location: 12701 S. Dixie Highway

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Haunted University: The theatre

Location: University Hall, Eva Marie Saint and Joe E. Brown

Every college has their own ghost stories, and BG has their fair share. As addressed in the "Haunted Ohio" series, both these theatres are allegedly haunted by the ghost of a former BG actress named Alice. Although this ghost doesn't appear to be threatening, she still makes her presence known by allegedly moving objects. According to the "Haunted Ohio" series, Alice must be addressed before invited to every show, or else she can cause the production to go wrong. Additionally, a seat must be left open for her in the audience during the performance.



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Clash in Cleveland moves to evening

This year's season opening football game on September 2, "The Clash in Cleveland", between BGSU and Wisconsin will now kickoff at 7 p.m. The announcement came last Thursday from BGSU Director of Athletics Greg Christopher.

Christopher stated that the time of the game being moved back will allow for Cleveland Browns Stadium to attract the largest possible audience for the game.

The game will now also be syndicated on ESPN Regional.

All-Star games lack purpose, team spirit



D.J. JOHNSON
Columnist

When I was in the fifth grade, I played basketball for the first time. I had played (and excelled at) every other team sport imaginable, so since my younger brothers had already started to master the game, I figured I would give it a try.

As it turned out, basketball would be my least successful athletic venture to date. I don't know if the expectations were too high for me to do well, but calling me mediocre would have been an exaggerated compliment. My parents still blame the coach and wish I would have had a better one of my first outing, but so is fate.

One thing I did like, however, was how our coach really tried to play to our strengths and weaknesses. There was one guy on the team who had a quarterback-like arm, so our coach would have the kid hurl the ball full court to take advantage of the empty court after the other team had scored.

We had this big player who was almost unstoppable in the paint, and we had another player who would have given Speedy Gonzales a run for his money. With a few other halfway-decent players scattered on our starting line-up, our team gelled to become a force to be reckoned with. It wasn't just one player defying the odds, but rather, five guys who understood each other well enough to become "one" on the court.

So has always been my fascination with team sports. I love seeing guys who genuinely trust and know each other well enough to make magic happen, whether it be on the gridiron, the basketball floor or the baseball diamond.

However, one phenomenon (that has been around for almost a century now) has continually challenged this form of "magic," and because of the eye-popping fantasy that it creates, it's not going away any time soon. This phenomenon goes by many names, but it's probably most recognizable as an "all-star weekend."

For one weekend, whether you call it a Midsummer Classic, a Pro Bowl or an ego trip, the most "elite" players from each conference in a given sport association get together to show off how many times they can hit lobbed pitches for home runs, how flamboyant they can make a dunk, or how many yards they can put up when given the right teammates.

Make no mistake about it — these games and events are done for one reason, and that's to stroke the egos of their participants.

On one hand, many sport diehards see these fiascos as the ultimate fantasy. To see Kobe and Nash, Brady and Alexander or Red Sox and Yankees playing on the same team seems like the result of a genie's wish. A phenomenal player not being slowed down by seemingly slower players is a thrill, and it's something that people can only dream about for the majority of the year.

Amusingly, every facet that made a given "all-star" who he is goes right out the window. All-star games aren't about having two "ultimate teams" going at it to see which division is better, but rather, it's a showcase of athletic demigods so narcissistic that even Lance Armstrong's ego would pale in comparison.

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Jordan Flower BG News

DIVING RIGHT IN: O'Connor is putting up some of her best times in the pool after only four months of training and being forced to deal with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Brit O'Connor returns to the Falcon swim team after a bout with the Epstein-Barr virus

By John Turner
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year at this time, Falcon swimmer Brit O'Connor was in the water training for an upcoming meet for her club swim team. Although the training was nothing out of the ordinary for this swimmer of 15 years, battling fatigue and exhaustion was.

She didn't know it at the time, but O'Connor had Epstein-Barr virus — the same virus that causes mono.

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Slippery Elm Trail is the perfect place for in-line skaters, bicyclists or runners, with a 13 mile stretch that runs parallel to Route 25 paved with asphalt that runs through some of the best scenery around. This trail, which begins on Sand Ridge Rd. by Wal-Mart, runs through Rudolph and ends in North Baltimore. One of the perks of this trail is it runs right by the Portage Quarry, for those who wish to cool off.

The Gish film theatre shows classic movies all-year round

Location: Hanna Hall
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The Gish Theatre is named after Ohio natives, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, and celebrates the history of film. Since it's beginning in 1976, the theatre has shown some of the rare but yet classic films, some which include the Gish sisters. Pop culture, English, history, film and language departments all frequent the theatre. Some of the features of the Gish are the Film Director Series which runs every Tuesday in February; the Sunday Matinee Series which views film classics runs from March and April; and the International Film Series.



The President's pad

Location: 700 S. Wintergarden

Where does your tuition dollars actually go. You pay teachers you pay maintenance and you bought this mansion a few miles west of campus. This two story estate is set to the right about 100 yards off of Wintergarden with a winding brick driveway that is rumored to be heated. The ornate entry way is decorated by paintings, wall hangings and live flowers. As you proceed further into the house you see the multi level living room, a decked out kitchen adjoined to gorgeous dining room.

Quarry is a little taste of vacation

Location: 12701 S. Dixie Highway

Even though a lot of students know about this little piece of paradise, some are still not aware that this place even exists. This local haven offers everything needed to fit your summer vacation in one day. With a warm sandy beach, a camp site, volleyball courts and scuba diving, this is must-stop for people looking to get some sun. Additionally the Quarry offers several events throughout the summer including Sledgefest, Legends of Diving and camping all through the summer months. For a daily price of \$4 or \$10 for scuba diving, this is the a frequent stop for college life.

The tunnel system that lies beneath

Highly unknown to the student population, this system has been used since this University's beginnings as a way to transfer heat through stream lines. The tunnels run underneath the entire campus and is regulated by the heat plant. But, since using the stream lines is much more costly, only a few buildings are still using this system. Older buildings on campus such as Mosley, Hanna Hall, the airport and the Biology Greenhouse are a few that still use this system today.

Haunted University: The theatre

Location: University Hall, Eva Marie Saint and Joe E. Brown

Every college has their own ghost stories, and BG has their fair share. As addressed in the "Haunted Ohio" series, both these theatres are allegedly haunted by the ghost of a former BG actress named Alice. Although this ghost doesn't appear to be threatening, she still makes her presence known by allegedly moving objects. According to the "Haunted Ohio" series, Alice must be addressed before invited to every show, or else she can cause the production to go wrong. Additionally, a seat must be left open for her in the audience during the performance.



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Clash in Cleveland moves to evening

This year's season opening football game on September 2, "The Clash in Cleveland", between BGSU and Wisconsin will now kickoff at 7 p.m. The announcement came last Thursday from BGSU Director of Athletics Greg Christopher.

Christopher stated that the time of the game being moved back will allow for Cleveland Browns Stadium to attract the largest possible audience for the game.

The game will now also be syndicated on ESPN Regional.

All-Star games lack purpose, team spirit



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When I was in the fifth grade, I played basketball for the first time. I had played (and excelled at) every other team sport imaginable, so since my younger brothers had already started to master the game, I figured I would give it a try.

As it turned out, basketball would be my least successful athletic venture to date. I don't know if the expectations were too high for me to do well, but calling me mediocre would have been an exaggerated compliment. My parents still blame the coach and wish I would have had a better one of my first outing, but so is fate.

One thing I did like, however, was how our coach really tried to play to our strengths and weaknesses. There was one guy on the team who had a quarterback-like arm, so our coach would have the kid hurl the ball full court to take advantage of the empty court after the other team had scored.

We had this big player who was almost unstoppable in the paint, and we had another player who would have given Speedy Gonzales a run for his money. With a few other halfway-decent players scattered on our starting line-up, our team gelled to become a force to be reckoned with. It wasn't just one player defying the odds, but rather, five guys who understood each other well enough to become "one" on the court.

So has always been my fascination with team sports. I love seeing guys who genuinely trust and know each other well enough to make magic happen, whether it be on the gridiron, the basketball floor or the baseball diamond.

However, one phenomenon (that has been around for almost a century now) has continually challenged this form of "magic," and because of the eye-popping fantasy that it creates, it's not going away any time soon. This phenomenon goes by many names, but it's probably most recognizable as an "all-star weekend."

For one weekend, whether you call it a Midsummer Classic, a Pro Bowl or an ego trip, the most "elite" players from each conference in a given sport association get together to show off how many times they can hit lobbed pitches for home runs, how flamboyant they can make a dunk, or how many yards they can put up when given the right teammates.

Make no mistake about it — these games and events are done for one reason, and that's to stroke the egos of their participants.

On one hand, many sport diehards see these fiascos as the ultimate fantasy. To see Kobe and Nash, Brady and Alexander or Red Sox and Yankees playing on the same team seems like the result of a genie's wish. A phenomenal player not being slowed down by seemingly slower players is a thrill, and it's something that people can only dream about for the majority of the year.

Amusingly, every facet that made a given "all-star" who he is goes right out the window. All-star games aren't about having two "ultimate teams" going at it to see which division is better, but rather, it's a showcase of athletic demigods so narcissistic that even Lance Armstrong's ego would pale in comparison.

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The games are sloppily played for the main reason that athletes have very little incentive to do well. At the 2006 Pro Bowl, there were a total of 6 interceptions and 9 fumbles, which is exceptionally high for two offenses that consist of the best players in the league. And while an argument can be made that these offenses are playing against the best defenses in the league, the fact that each team has scored 34 points on average since 2000 overwhelming annihilates that theory, proving that this game is not an "all-star" game, but a statistic-generating shootout.

All of these problems stem from the fact of one-upmanship. Team chemistry is replaced by uninhibited egoism. Activities like home run derbies and three-point competitions reiterate that sporting associations are more interested in marketable players rather than the "team" concept. And the media and entertainment hype that surrounds these spectacles can overshadow the event themselves, making the already-bad inter-conference games even more nauseating to watch.

In the wake of last night's MLB all-star game, I realize this isn't the fault of the athletes, but rather, the actual games themselves. I can't expect a team to come together like my fifth grade team, gel and do well as a unit in one weekend. Maybe a week of charity by the multi-millionaire athletes would be a good replacement; not as exciting, but an awesome way to give back to the fans. Having an all-star game is simply self-defeating, and it doesn't reflect the abilities and the game personalities of any athletes in any sport.

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Howard belts 23, wins Derby

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PITTSBURGH — Down to his last few swings in the Home Run Derby and still not assured of being in the final, Ryan Howard remembered the advice Phillies teammate Bobby Abreu gave him.

After all, what better player to ask for guidance than Abreu,

whose 41 homers a year ago in Detroit are by far the most in derby history?

"Basically, he told me to pretend that no one else was out there, that it was just Ramon and myself," Howard said, referring to batting practice pitcher Ramon Henderson. "Just get locked in that way. Just take pitches and try not to

tire yourself out too early."

Howard, the 2005 NL rookie of the year, couldn't have followed Abreu's suggestions any better in becoming the Phillies' second Home Run Derby winner in as many seasons. Howard topped David Wright of the Mets 5-4 in the final round Monday night despite having five outs remain-

ing when his decisive homer deflected off a "Hit It Here" sign in right field.

Right about then, Howard was nearly as happy as the fan who won 500 free round-trip air tickets because Howard hit the sign. Earlier, Howard found the Allegheny River on the fly behind PNC Park's right-field stands, a feat accomplished only once during regular-season play.

Not only did Howard hit them far — 13 of his 23 homers traveled 440 feet or more — he hit them with great accuracy.

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No doubt it helped having Henderson pumping pitches to him exactly where he wanted, just as Henderson did for Abreu a year ago.

"I really didn't have to do a whole lot," Howard said. "It was really Ramon. He put it pretty much to where I could try to hit it to right-center. Some of them, I just kind of got out in front of and was able to hit."

After hitting eight homers in the first round, half as many as Wright, Howard came from behind late in the second round to hit 10 homers and beat out AL home run leader David Ortiz of Boston and Florida's Miguel Cabrera and reach the final round.

There, Wright had trouble elevating the ball to reach PNC Park's distant walls in left field and left-center and finished with four homers. Wright had six homers in the final two rounds following his 16-homer first round, which has been surpassed in derby history only by Abreu's 24 and Ortiz's 17 last year.

"Once you get past that first round, you want to win, so it's a little disappointing," said Wright, whose 20 homers at the break are only the fifth

most among the NL All-Stars.

In a major rule change this year, homers from the first two rounds were combined to determine the finalists; previously, first-round totals didn't carry into the second round. That allowed Wright to gain the final despite homering only twice in the second round.

"I liked it," Howard said of the rule change. "It allows you to have one good round and one bad round and not necessarily be punished for that bad round."

The Phillies probably don't need to worry about Howard going into a home-run slump after the derby, as Abreu did last year.

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a line-drive hitter, and some in baseball feel he altered his swing for the derby and has never gotten his natural swing back.

Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria, for example, discouraged Cabrera from competing, pointing to how Abreu's power has fallen off. Abreu has 14 homers since that contest, six last year and eight this season.

By contrast, All-Star teammate Paul Lo Duca of the Mets encouraged Wright to enjoy a big derby, pitching batting practice to him Sunday and Monday before also doing so during the contest.

"I was a pitcher in high school," Lo Duca said. "Now you see why I'm not."

Unlike last year, when the Pirates' Jason Bay failed to homer in Comerica Park, each of the eight competitors homered. Troy Glaus of Toronto hit one in the first round, but the other seven hit at least three.

Eliminated after the first round were Jermaine Dye (7) Miguel Tejada (3), Lance Berkman (3) and Glaus.



Charles Krupa AP Photo

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O'Connor rejoins team for 2006

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was unwavering, as she stuck with the team through meets, practices and even training trips.

One such trip was over last Christmas break, where the team traveled to Florida for training. Despite being unable to swim with the team, O'Connor paid her way to the trip so she could be with her teammates.

"She was there every day and wouldn't let the fact she couldn't be in the water effect anyone," Keating said. "She's just very motivating."

While she continued to support her teammates, the team continued to rally together in support of her.

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For O'Connor, she was simply doing her job as a member of the Falcon's swim team.

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And swim again she did. This summer, O'Connor is training as hard as ever and posting some of her best times.

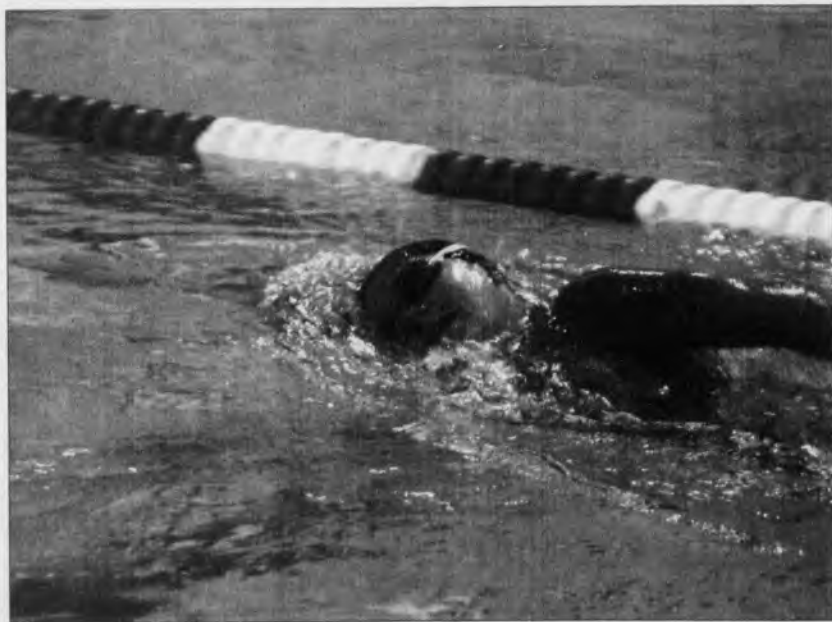
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"I have a new appreciation for swimming," O'Connor said. "When you can't do something you love for so long, you have a new appreciation for just coming back and being able to do it."



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Zidane voted World Cup MVP despite mishap

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tain told him the Italian "said something very serious to him, but he wouldn't tell me what."

Whatever it was, it was enough to infuriate Zidane.

"Zizou is someone who reacts to things," said Aime Jacquet, Zidane's coach at the 1998 World Cup. "Unfortunately he could not control himself. It's terrible to see him leave this way."

Even with the ejection, Zidane still won the Golden Ball as the World Cup's best player.

Zidane, who came out of retirement to help France qualify for the World Cup and said he would quit soccer completely after the tournament, got 2,012 points in the vote by journalists covering the tournament. The three-time player of the year beat Fabio Cannavaro (1,977) and Andrea Pirlo (715), both of Italy.

Zidane's red card was anything but unusual. He was sent off 14 times in his career at the club and international level.

At the 1998 World Cup, he stomped on a Saudi Arabian opponent. Sitting out a two-match ban, he came back to score two goals against Brazil in the final.

Five years ago with Juventus, he head-butted an opponent in a Champions League match against Hamburger SV after being tackled from behind.

The reaction to Sunday's outburst was mixed in France. President Jacques Chirac called Zidane "a genius of world football," and former Sports Minister Marie-George Buffet said Zidane's aggressive act was unforgivable for its effect on children watching the game.

"This morning, Zinedine, what do we tell our children, and all those for whom you were the living role model for all times?" French sports daily L'Equipe wrote.

Zidane, whose parents emigrated to France from Algeria, became a proud symbol of a multicultural France and is adored in Algeria.

In the mountains where Zidane's parents grew up, Atmanne Chelouah carried off a life-size cardboard cutout of the player at "Cafe Zizou" after the red card.

"We are very disappointed," Chelouah said. "He should have kept his cool."

But lashing out is nothing new to Zidane, who grew up playing on concrete in an impoverished



HEAD FIRST: Zidane, left, is captured in the image above head-butting the chest of Italian Marco Materazzi.

immigrant neighborhood of Marseille, where fouls and insults are met with instant retribution.

Perhaps he could never shake off that you-or-me mentality.

"You can take the man out of the rough neighborhood, but you can't take the rough neighborhood

out of the man," striker Thierry Henry said Sunday.

At this year's World Cup, where Zidane sat out one match for getting two yellow cards in the first round, he sent a message to his teammates. In a rare television interview, he said, "We die together."

"They were ready to go as far as they could for him, yet he punished them."

"He'll carry that weight for a long time," France coach Raymond Domenech said of Zidane's latest red card.

Zidane nearly won the match with a late header after giving France an early lead with a penalty, taking two steps forward to slowly chip the ball into the air while goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon dived to his right.

It was his third goal of the tournament and sixth in the last 10 major tournament matches. He scored three at the 2004 European Championship.

Zidane's teammates had all wanted to help him to one last trophy. Failing that, they refused to kick him when he was down.

"For all that Zidane has done for the national team, you have to say 'Thank you and well done,'" said striker David Trezeguet, the only player to miss his penalty kick in the shootout.



CARDED: Zidane received a red card for his head-butt in overtime of Sunday's World Cup Final match, which resulted in his removal from the game. France would drop the contest on penalty kicks.

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ers using disc golf to continue their careers as athletes.

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"The whole idea is we're trying to get the sport to grow," he said. "We're even trying to get disc golf into grade schools

and high schools."

He estimated the total payout in cash and prizes this year was about \$4000.

Other first place finishers on Saturday were Melissa Feher (Women), Evan Stansbury (Am 3), Isaiah Gonzalez (Am 2), Ziggy Biekoven (Am 1) and Bob Harris (Am masters).

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Motion City gives the scoop

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it was. It's one of those things that while you're doing it, it's so intense, so much going on, then you hit another long hot day and that really sucks. But it is all worth it in the end.

Adair: Play as many shows as possible. There's a winner of a Battle of the Bands competition at every show who gets a spot on The Tour. Usually every year there's something like that going on so I suggest that bands try to do things like that as much as possible.

What is your least favorite part about Warped?

MCS: Our least favorite is the port-a-potties, which I've avoided so far completely. If you look around there's normally nice places to go if you get in here early enough you should be good. Basically, it's like people in high school using bathrooms. The way people leave the bath-

rooms is pretty terrible.

What is your favorite Warped story so far?

MCS: This is only the second stop, but the other day they set up a bunch of merchandise boxes that were empty. We then set them on fire and made our friend, Dirty, ride his bike straight through it.

What's in your iPod?

MCS: My Morning Jacket, Band of Horses, Alkaline Trio, The Format and Ben Folds.

What's in the band's near future?

MCS: Commit this to Memory (last album), Deluxe Edition. We always wanted to do a DVD and they wanted to do some sort of "re-release" thing with extra songs and we wanted to make sure that we gave people that already bought the record something that would make it worth them buying it again. We thought the DVD which covers interview questions and other behind the scenes things would

do just that. We are generally happy with how it turned out, I think it will be fine. When we did the live show, the person who recorded the audio didn't record Justin's (lead vocals, MCS) voice. That was really annoying but I think as a whole we are excited about the release of the DVD. Other than the DVD, we will be touring a lot then recording another CD, hopefully by the beginning of next year. We are also planning a UK tour, maybe taking some time off, but I think that is probably just crazy talk. We haven't had a whole week off in a year, so I'm not sure what we would do with time off.

Adair: Warped Tour. Touring, touring, touring, writing, writing, writing. Our record just came out in February but I am sure that we will try and get another one out soon. We got some pretty sweet acoustic, finger-picking stuff going on right now too. St. Louis Represent!

Pink Floyd co-founder dead at the age of 60

By Jill Lawless

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON (AP) Syd Barrett, the troubled talent who co-founded Pink Floyd but spent his last years in reclusive anonymity, has died, a spokeswoman for the band said yesterday. He was 60.

The spokeswoman — who declined to give her name until the band made an official announcement — confirmed media reports that he had died. She said Barrett died several days ago, but she did not disclose the cause of death. Barrett had suffered from diabetes for many years.

Barrett co-founded Pink Floyd in 1965 with Roger Waters, Nick Mason and Rick Wright, and wrote many of the band's early songs. The group's jazz-infused rock and drug-laced, multime-

dia "happenings" made them darlings of the London psychedelic scene. The 1967 album "The Piper at the Gates of Dawn" was a commercial and critical hit.

Barrett suffered from mental instability, exacerbated by his use of LSD. His behavior grew increasingly erratic, and he left the group in 1968 — five years before the release of Pink Floyd's most popular album, "Dark Side of the Moon." He was replaced by David Gilmour.

Barrett released two solo albums — "The Madcap Laughs" and "Barrett" — but soon withdrew from the music business altogether. He spent much of the rest of his life living quietly in his hometown of Cambridge, England, and reverting to his real name, Roger Barrett.

He was a familiar figure, often

seen cycling or walking to the corner store, but rarely spoke to the fans and journalists who sought him out over the years.

Despite his brief career, Barrett's fragile, wistful songs influenced many musicians, from David Bowie — who covered the Barrett track "See Emily Play" — to the other members of Pink Floyd, who recorded the album "Wish You Were Here" as a tribute to their troubled bandmate.

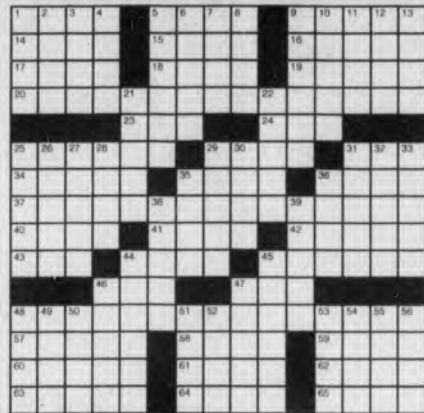
It contained the song "Shine On You Crazy Diamond" — "Remember when you were young, you shone like the sun." The band also dwelt on themes of mental illness on the albums "Dark Side of the Moon" and "The Wall."

The band spokeswoman said a small, private funeral would be held.

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